RIBON MASCOT COMICS

MARMALADE BOY【7】

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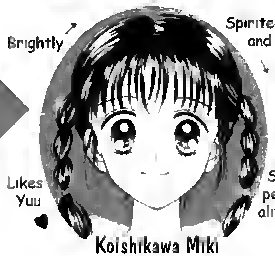
Introducing the Cast of Characters

Suou Ginta
Miki's classmate
Likes Arimi



Koishikawa Miki

Akizuki Meiko
Close friend of Miki
A person of solid character

Suzuki Arimi
Suzuki Arimi
Ginta's girlfriend

Matsuura Yuu

Namura-sensei
Meiko's former sweetheart
Is in Hiroshima

Miki and Yuu come to live in the same house due to their parents announcing that they're swapping marriage partners. Miki gradually becomes attracted to Yuu, who sometimes displays sweetness despite being mean.

It seems Yuu has a real father, but, in the end, he isn't able to find him. Miki revealed her feelings to a grieving Yuu. And the two of them share the same feelings towards each other!! (But it's a secret from their parents ♥)

Arimi, who was rejected by Yuu and heartbroken, also ended up going out with Ginta.

With summer break ending soon, Meiko received a literary award for a story called, "City of Wintry Decline." It was a story written at the encouragement of Miwa. Could it be that a new love is flowering?

But Meiko continued to think about Namura. "I want to see sensei." Miki, trying to grant her dear friend's wish, headed to Hiroshima, where Namura lives.

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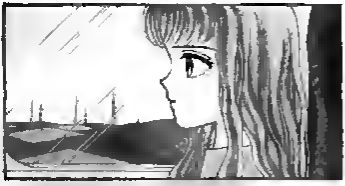

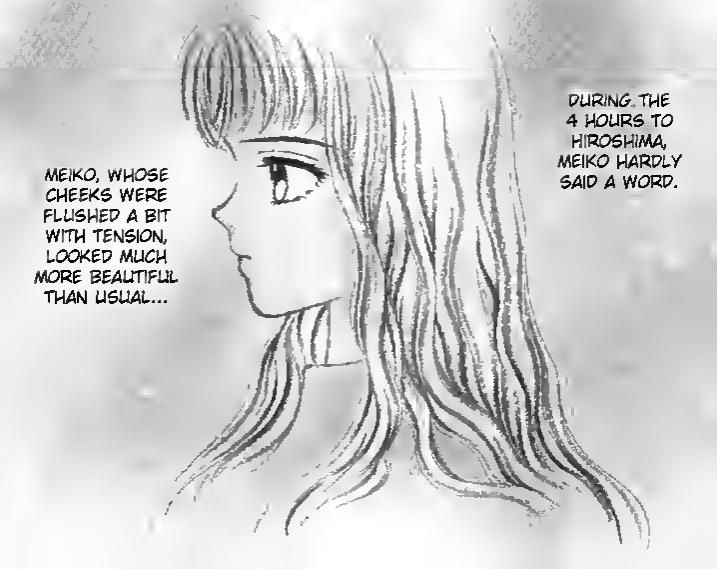
DURING THE 4 HOURS TO HIROSHIMA, MEIKO HARDLY SAID A WORD.
MEIKO, WHOSE CHEEKS WERE FLUSHED A BIT WITH TENSION, LOOKED MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN USUAL...

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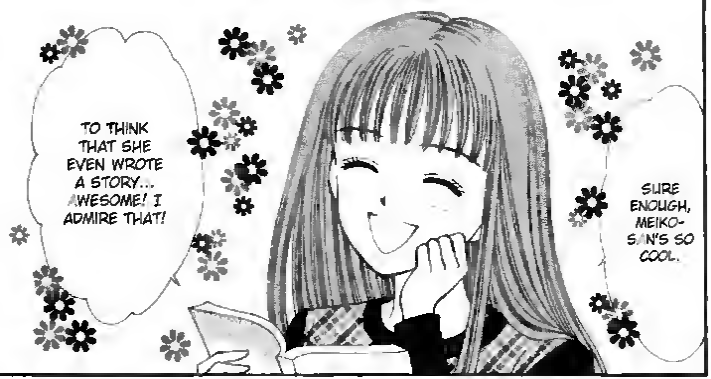
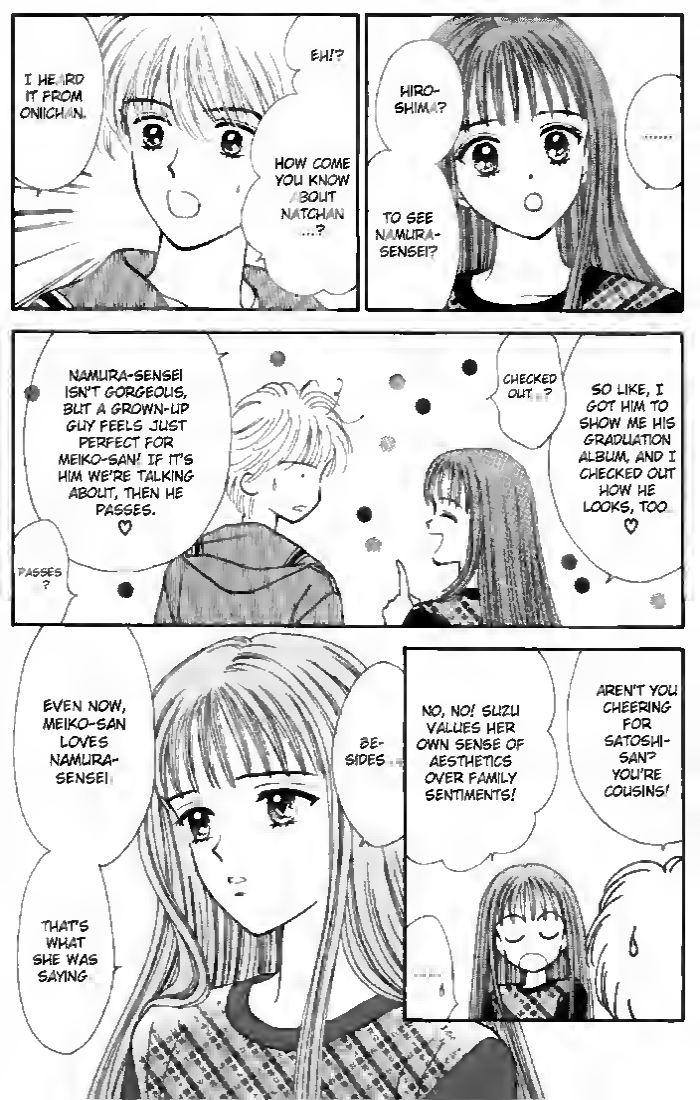

TO THINK THAT SHE EVEN WROTE A STORY... AWESOME! I ADMIRE THAT!
SURE ENOUGH, MEIKO-SAN'S SO COOL.

SURE, BUT AKIZUKI IS HEADING TO HIROSHIMA WITH MIKI RIGHT NOW.
MAYBE I'LL GO OVER TO SEE MEIKO-SAN'S PLACE TOMORROW. ♡
YUU-SENSEI, WOULD YOU TELL ME HER ADDRESS?

YUP! A HUGE FAN!
I'VE SORTA COME TO WANT TO SEE MEIKO-SAN, WHOM I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A WHILE
SUZU-CHAN, YOU REALLY ARE A FAN OF AKIZUKI, HM


I HEARD IT FROM ONICHAN.
EH!?
HOW COME YOU KNOW 'BOUT NATCHAN ...?
HIRO-SHIMA?
TO SEE NAMURA-SENSEI?
.....
NAMURA-SENSEI ISN'T GORGEOUS, BUT A GROWN-UP GUY FEELS JUST PERFECT FOR MEIKO-SAN! IF IT'S HIM WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, THEN HE PASSES. ♡
PASSES ?
CHECKED OUT...?
SO LIKE, I GOT HIM TO SHOW ME HIS GRADUATION ALBUM, AND I CHECKED OUT HOW HE LOOKS, TOO. ♡
EVEN NOW, MEIKO-SAN LOVES NAMURA-SENSEI!
THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS SAYING
BE-SIDES...
NO, NO! SUZU VALUES HER OWN SENSE OF AESTHETICS OVER FAMILY SENTIMENTS!
AREN'T YOU CHEERING FOR SATOSHI-SAN? YOU'RE COUSINS!
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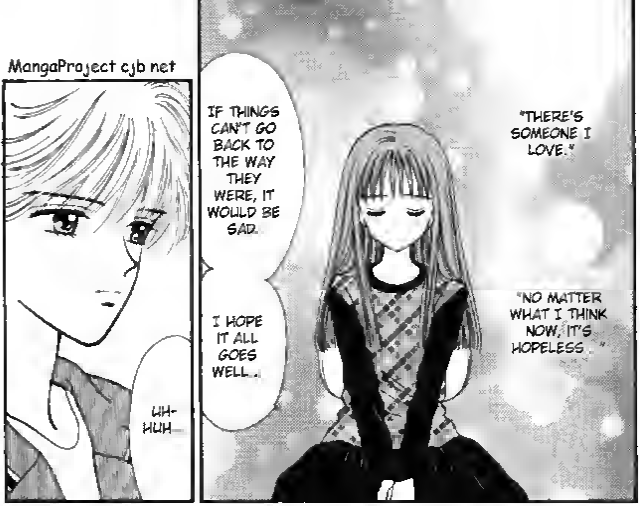
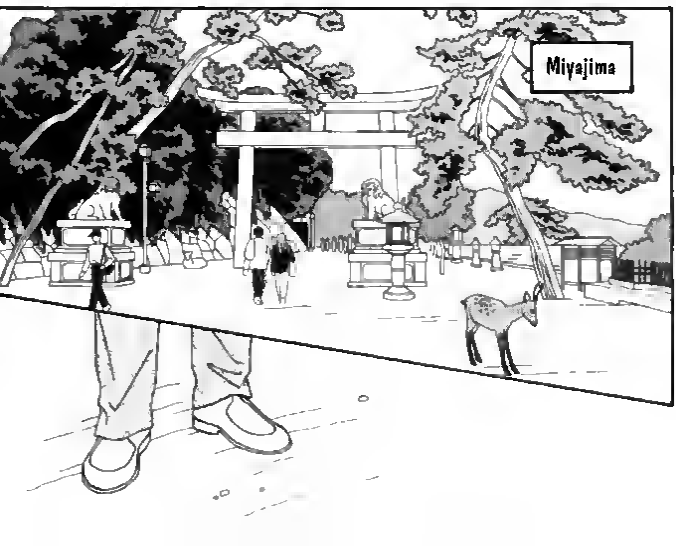
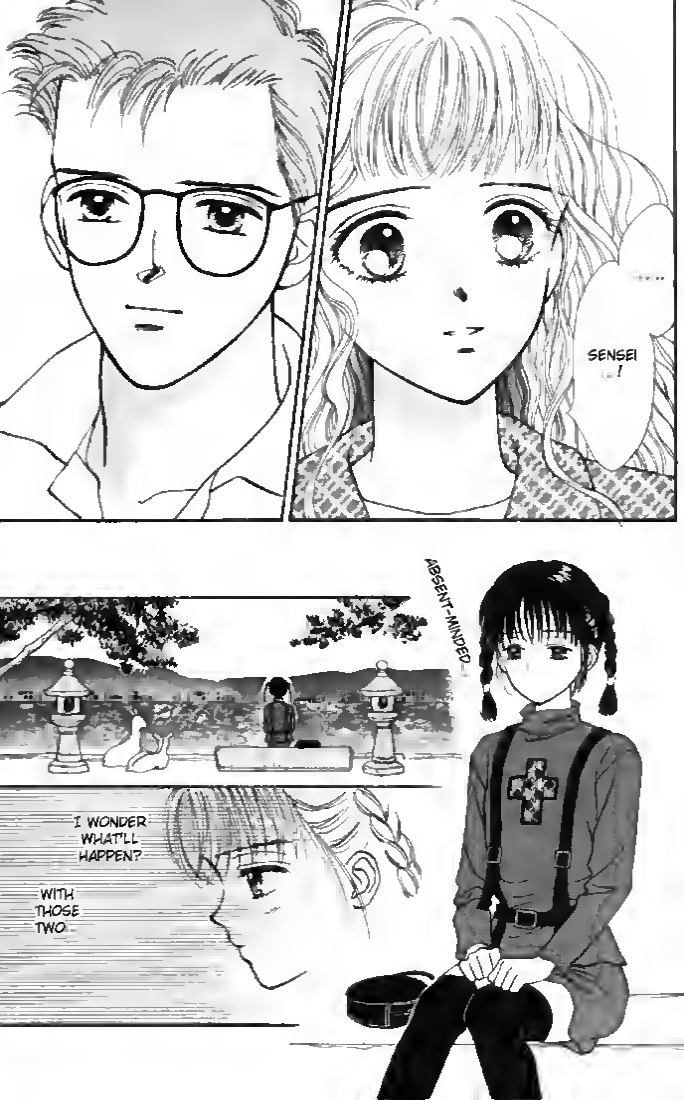

"THERE'S SOMEONE I LOVE."
"NO MATTER WHAT I THINK NOW, IT'S HOPELESS."
IF THINGS CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE, IT WOULD BE SAD.
I HOPE IT ALL GOES WELL.
UH-HUH...



KOISHI-KAWA!
NAT-CHAN!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YOU LOOK FINE.
UH-HUH
YOU, TOO, NAT-CHAN

HAVE YOU MADE PROGRESS IN YOUR TENNIS GAME?
NO SWEAT!
I WANT YOU TO SEE MY TERRIFIC NET PLAY, TOO
I'M GLAD YOU CAME.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NOT MEET ME.
MEIKO
PLEASE GO TO HER.
IS OVER THERE, TOWARDS THE LARGE SHINTO GATEWAY.


SENSEI!
ABSENT-MINDED...
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN?
WITH THOSE TWO...

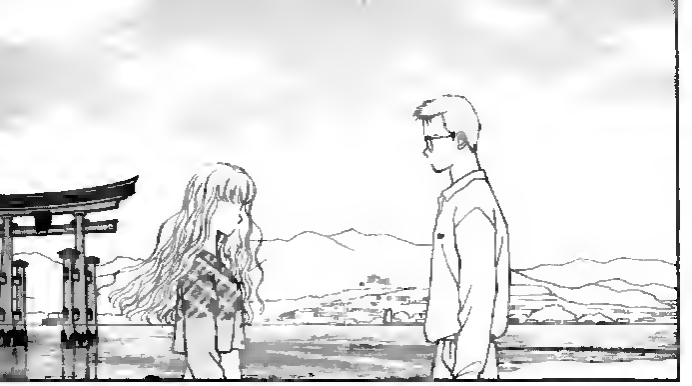
PLEASE, NATCHAN...
TO THINK THEY HAVE TO SEPARATE, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE IN LOVE...
AND TELL HER THAT YOU'LL START OVER AGAIN ONCE MORE...!!
RESPOND TO MEIKO'S FEELINGS.
THAT'S JUST SO UNBEARABLE.

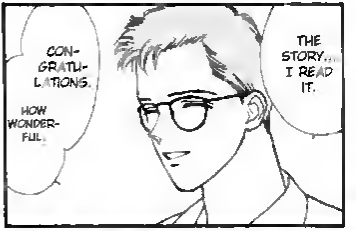
HMMPH!
I don't care!

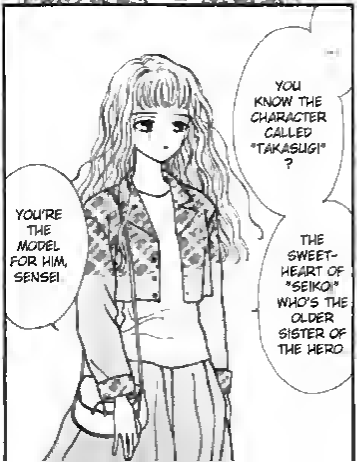
I'M SURE THINGS ARE GOING WELL, RIGHT?
RIGHT ?

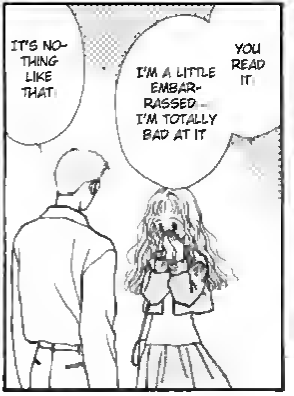
...IN THE STORE I PASSED BY A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
THEY WERE SELLING "DEER FOOD"...
I'LL GO AND BUY SOME HUH
I HAVE FREE TIME

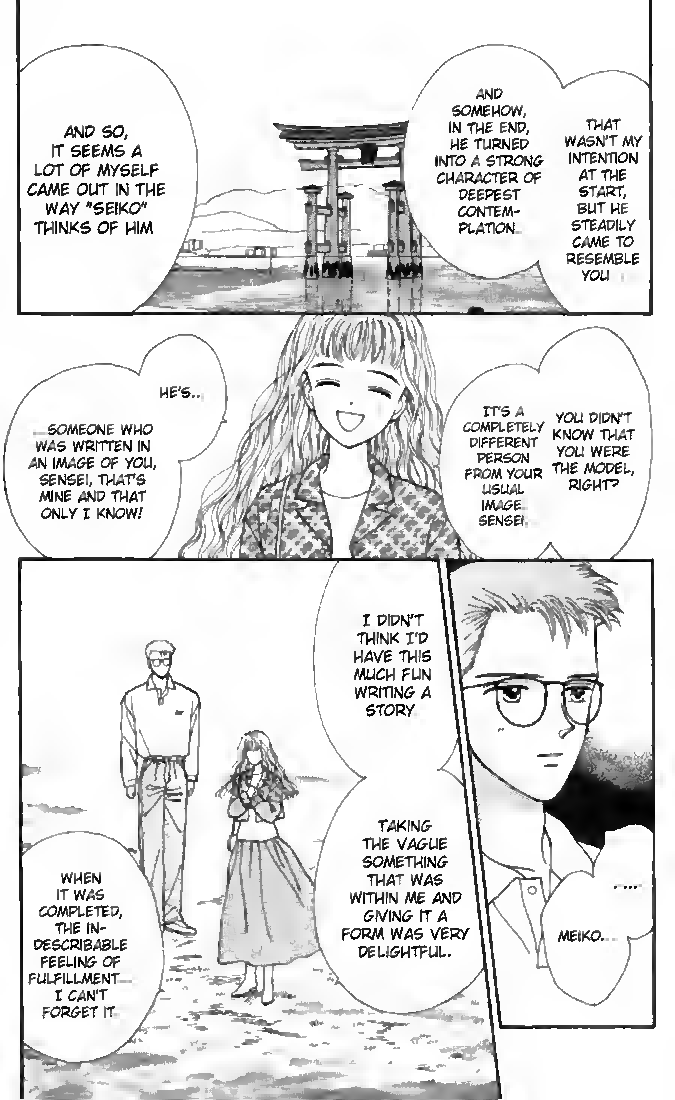
SO COLD
UN-CUTE




THE STORY... I READ IT.
CON-GRATU-LATIONS. HOW WONDER-FUL!


YOU KNOW THE CHARACTER CALLED "TAKASUGI" ?
THE SWEET-HEART OF "SEIKO" WHO'S THE OLDER SISTER OF THE HERO
YOU'RE THE MODEL FOR HIM, SENSEI


YOU READ IT
I'M A LITTLE EMBAR-RASSED... I'M TOTALLY BAD AT IT
IT'S NO-THING LIKE THAT!


AND SO, IT SEEMS A LOT OF MYSELF CAME OUT IN THE WAY "SEIKO" THINKS OF HIM
AND SOMEHOW, IN THE END, HE TURNED INTO A STRONG CHARACTER OF DEEPEST CONTEMPLATION.
THAT WASN'T MY INTENTION AT THE START, BUT HE STEADILY CAME TO RESEMBLE YOU
HE'S..
—SOMEONE WHO WAS WRITTEN IN AN IMAGE OF YOU, SENSEI, THAT'S MINE AND THAT ONLY I KNOW!
IT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON FROM YOUR USUAL IMAGE, SENSEI.
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE THE MODEL, RIGHT?
I DIDN'T THINK I'D HAVE THIS MUCH FUN WRITING A STORY.
TAKING THE VAGUE SOMETHING THAT WAS WITHIN ME AND GIVING IT A FORM WAS VERY DELIGHTFUL.
WHEN IT WAS COMPLETED, THE IN-DESCRIBABLE FEELING OF FULFILLMENT— I CAN'T FORGET IT.
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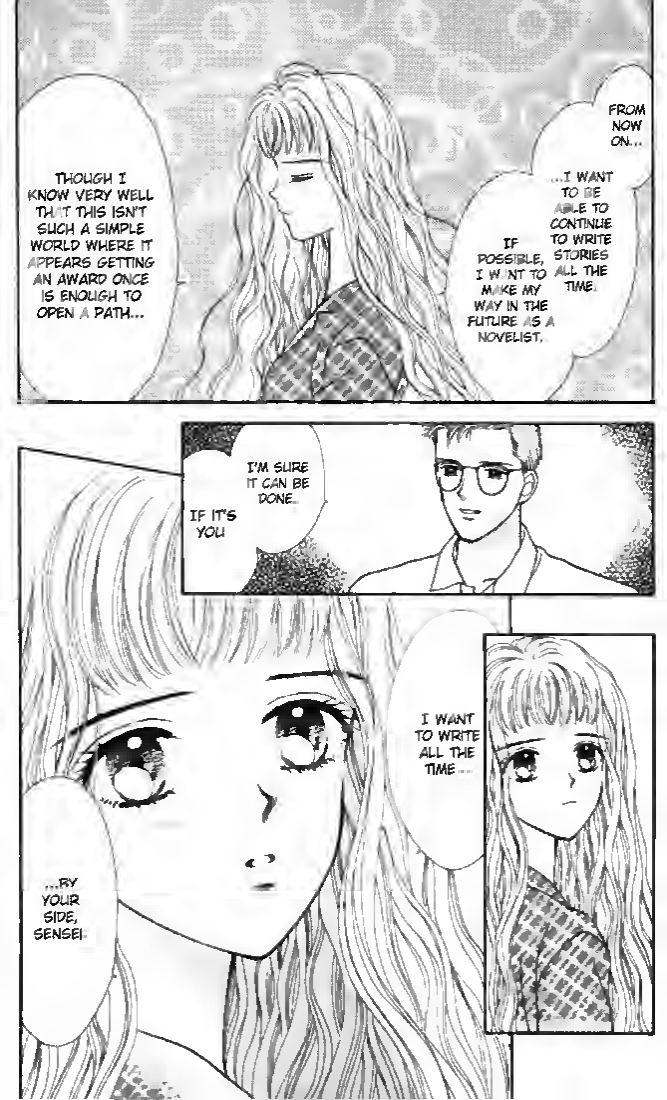
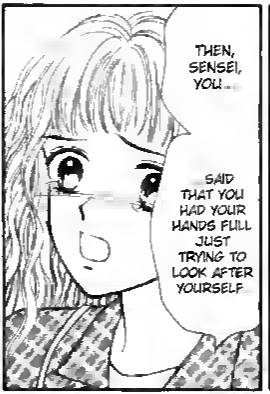
MEIKO...

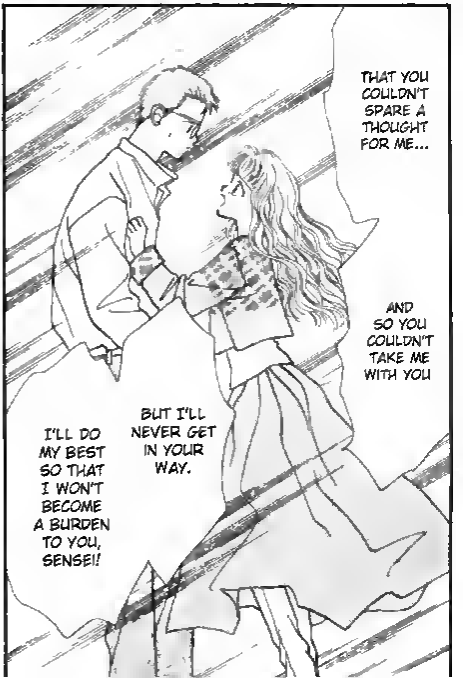

FROM NOW ON...
...I WANT TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO WRITE STORIES ALL THE TIME.
IF POSSIBLE, I WANT TO MAKE MY WAY IN THE FUTURE AS A NOVELIST.
THOUGH I KNOW VERY WELL THAT THIS ISN'T SUCH A SIMPLE WORLD WHERE IT APPEARS GETTING AN AWARD ONCE IS ENOUGH TO OPEN A PATH...
I'M SURE IT CAN BE DONE...
IF IT'S YOU
I WANT TO WRITE ALL THE TIME...
...BY YOUR SIDE, SENSEI.

MEIKO ....
THAT'S ...
SENSEI, YOU...
EVEN IF I'M NOT IN TOKYO .. EVEN IF I DON'T GO TO COLLEGE, EVEN IF I DON'T GET A JOB...
IF IT'S WRITING SOME-THING, I CAN DO THAT ANY-WHERE
I CAN GO AND LIVE, AND DO WHAT I WANT TO DO!
INSTEAD OF JUST BEING MERELY THERE BY YOUR SIDE, SENSEI...
...TOLD ME TO SEARCH FOR THE PATH THAT COULD RESTORE ME TO LIFE.
AND SO I FOUND IT.

FREE TALK ①

Hello. This comics comes after a half year's time. Although the day I'm writing this is 25 June '95, sometime around the first 10 days of August, when this book will be put on sale, I'll most likely be struggling to write the manuscript for the October issue, Marmalade's final one. Ahhhh. I pray it turns out all right. That's right. "Marmalade," too, is finally greeting its last issue. This comics has come to the point where the upcoming volume 8 is the last. I'll do my best and write it, so by all means, please read it to the end, 'kay!




THAT YOU COULDN'T SPARE A THOUGHT FOR ME...
AND SO YOU COULDN'T TAKE ME WITH YOU
BUT I'LL NEVER GET IN YOUR WAY.
I'LL DO MY BEST SO THAT I WON'T BECOME A BURDEN TO YOU, SENSEI!

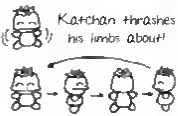
SO, PLEASE!
PLEASE LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE ONCE MORE!!
THAT'S NO GOOD.

I DON'T WANT TO CHAIN YOU DOWN
I WANT YOU TO GROW UP WITH FREEDOM!
DON'T TALK LIKE YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE JUST TO MATCH ME.
YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE, SENSEI
BUT..
IT'S TOO MUCH TO BEAR!
I LOVE YOU...!!

I'LL GO HOME
I UNDER-STAND
I WON'T COME TO SEE YOU ANYMORE
FARE-WELL...

FREE TALK ②

Have you all tried your luck at the "Marmalade" computer game? 2 kinds have come out... for the GameBoy and the Super Famicon, but I prefer the GameBoy one more. If you ask why, it's because Katchan appears.



And then, to rotate!! (^x^) He's so-o-o lovely. Also, in the Super Famicon one, for the seals that are dispelled in the notebook in the game, Katchan's face appears, but his name is given as 'Kappa'... Though, sure, that's sorta true... But, 'Kappa'... (^x^) With the GameBoy, you choose your actions and words, and depending on whether or not your spell (mini-game) succeeds, the story is changed in various ways. In the cases where your incantation failed, the conversations become amusing.

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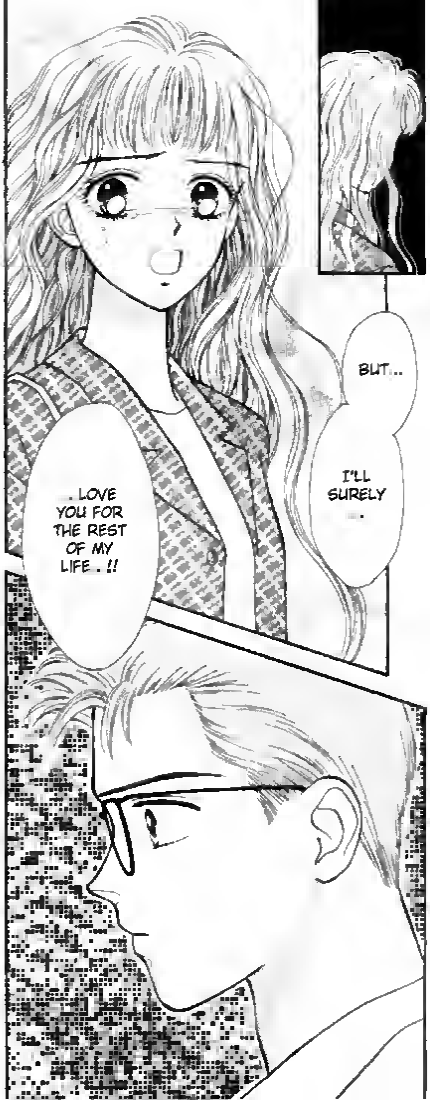

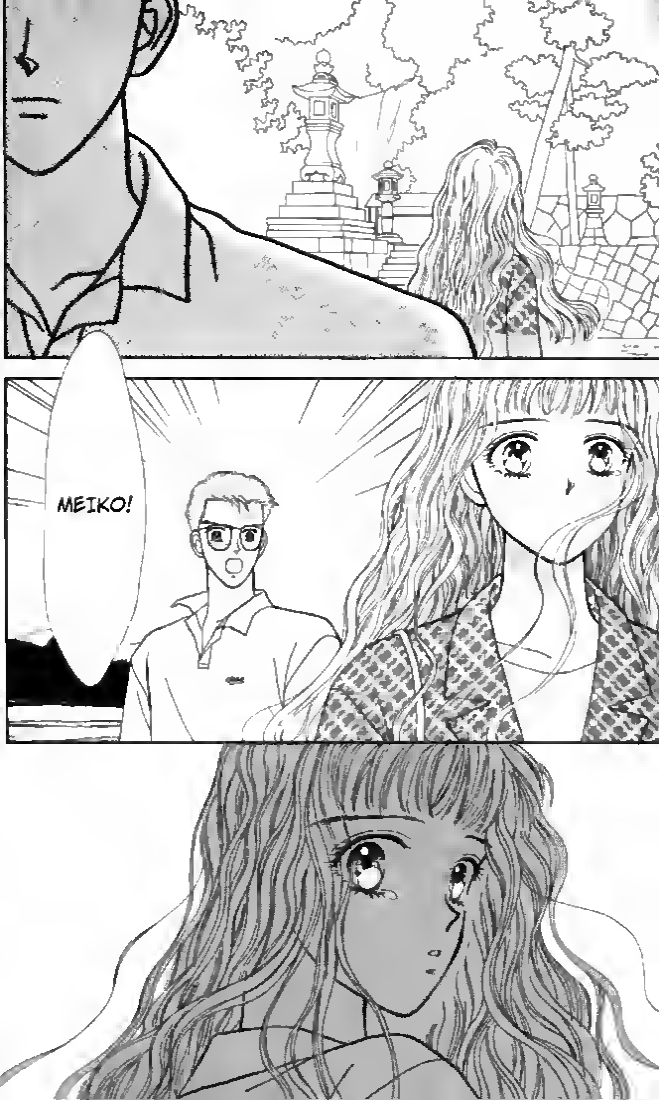
MEIKO!

WHY ARE YOU...
...SO UN-REASONABLE LIKE THAT?!
EVEN I HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY TIMES I WAS ABOUT TO GET ON THE BULLET TRAIN TO TOKYO.
BUT, THAT I GAVE UP THAT IDEA WHENEVER THAT HAPPENED...
...WAS FOR YOUR SAKE!!
BECAUSE I WAS THINKING OF YOUR HAPPINESS ...
DESPITE THAT, WHY...

...ARE YOU MAKING ME LOSE CONTROL ...!?

I LOVE YOU
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY IF IT'S JUST ME?
WILL YOU FOLLOW ME...?

.....
I'LL FALL...!

ZIP!
IT'S EMPTY! SEE? NOTHING!
Deer Food
W-
THERE ISN'T ANYMORE, I TELL YOU!
OH MY GO-O-OD!
More
Give
Food
Food
Food
More
More
D-DON'T COME CLOSE! I'M SCARED!
I TELL YOU IT'S ALL DONE, AND YET YOU'RE SO-O-O PERSISTENT!
Food
More
More
More
Food
Give
Give
Food
MIKI!?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

FREE TALK③

For example, in the one called, "The Party Becomes Fun Spell," if you succeed, then it ends with you getting by on friendly terms with Yuu, but if you fail, then Ginta, Arimi and Rokutanda come to visit you. (But the way to fail this spell is hard...) With the GameBoy, you can do it in a rather short time, and you can even begin it from the middle, so I've had a try at it many times, but with the Super Famicon, I've still only done it once. In place of "Miki," I put in my own name, and tried to do it in a pattern where I can get close with Ginta (it's just because I thought that, now, Yuu's with "Miki"), but with your own character, being called by your real name, "I love you, C J" or whatever, is awfully strange, so I was feeling embarrassed.

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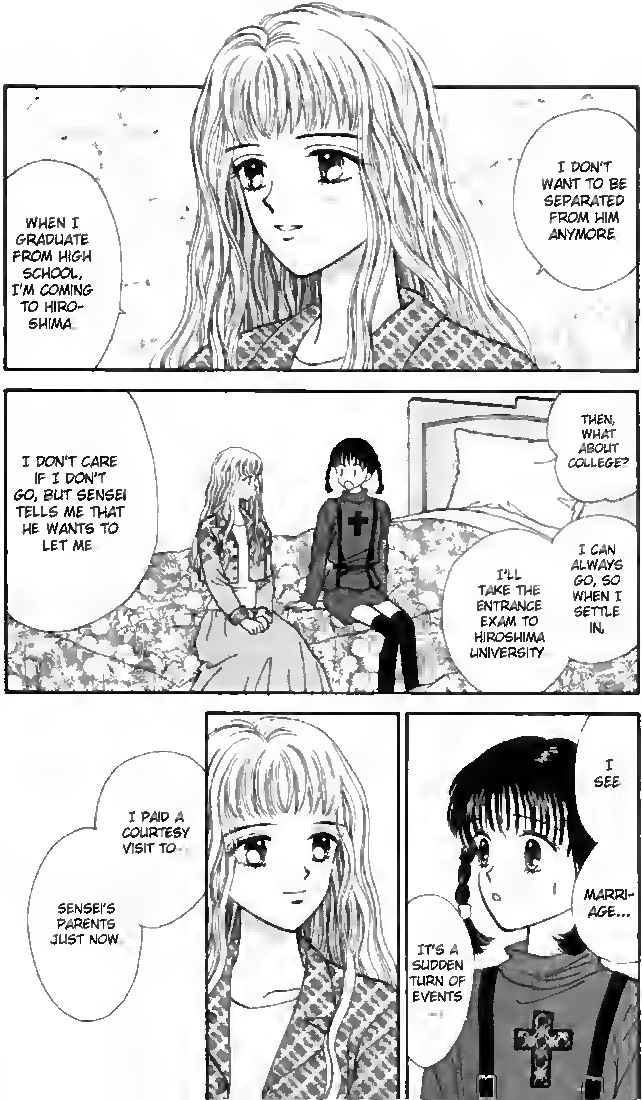
What about the food?
What now?
I SEE...
THAT'S GREAT, HUH.
SUMMONING THE COURAGE TO GO TO HIROSHIMA

CLACK!
SQUEAK...
AH, SHE CAME BACK
BYE!
WHERE IS AKIZUKI?
YUP!
STILL OUT ON A DATE WITH NAT-CHAN
I HAD THE GOOD SENSE TO MAKE IT SO THAT THE TWO OF THEM WERE ALONE
WAS THAT WELL DONE?
HA HA. WELL DONE, WELL DONE
WELCOME BA-A-ACK
HOW WAS IT? YOUR FIRST DATE IN A LONG WHILE
MARRIAGE?!
?


WHEN I GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, I'M COMING TO HIRO-SHIMA.
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM HIM ANYMORE.
I DON'T CARE IF I DON'T GO, BUT SENSEI TELLS ME THAT HE WANTS TO LET ME.
I'LL TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM TO HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY.
I CAN ALWAYS GO, SO WHEN I SETTLE IN,
THEN, WHAT ABOUT COLLEGE?
I PAID A COURTESY VISIT TO...
SENSEI'S PARENTS JUST NOW.
IT'S A SUDDEN TURN OF EVENTS...
I SEE
MARRI-AGE...

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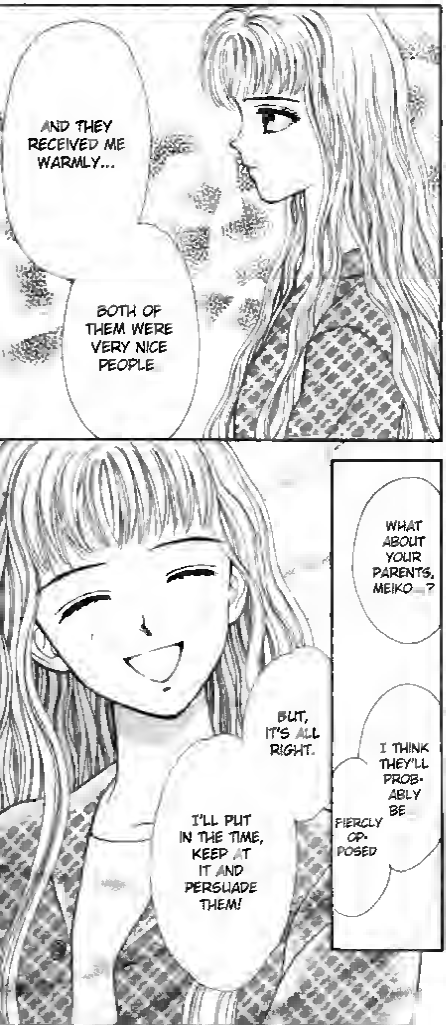

AND THEY RECEIVED ME WARMLY...
BOTH OF THEM WERE VERY NICE PEOPLE
THEY WERE AWFULLY SURPRISED, BUT...
...THEY LISTENED QUIETLY TO OUR STORY...
...AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE SERIOUS...
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS, MEIKO...?
I THINK THEY'LL PROBABLY BE FIERCELY OPPOSED
BUT, IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'LL PUT IN THE TIME, KEEP AT IT AND PERSUADE THEM!

I'LL BE VERY LONELY..
YOU WON'T BE AROUND, WILL YOU, MEIKO
BUT...
CONGRATULATIONS!
I'M REALLY GLAD FOR YOU..!
IT'S THANKS TO YOU, MIKI...
IF YOU WEREN'T THERE, MIKI, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME AS FAR AS HIROSHIMA...
THANK YOU

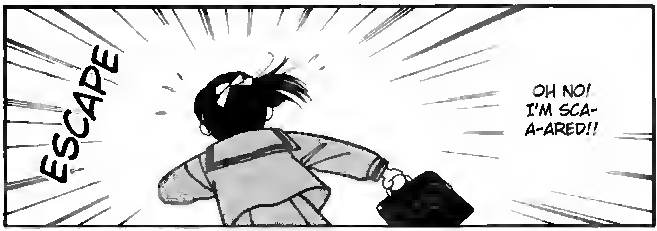
I'M HO-O-OME!
I BOUGHT SOME SOUVENIR GIFTS!

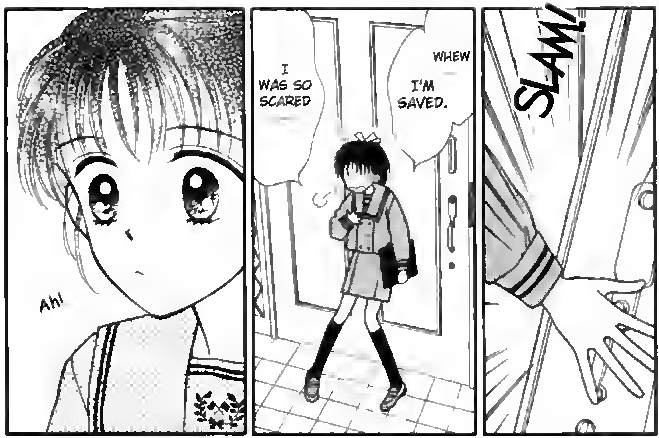
HURRY
HURRY
HURRY
OKONOMIYAKI AND KAKIZOUSUI AND MAPLE LEAF...
MAN-JI...
I HEAR SOMEONE WE KNOW WILL BE COMING TO STAY OVER FROM NEXT WEEK
WE'RE CLEARING OUT THE STUDY ROOM AND MAKING IT INTO A GUEST ROOM
You help, too
YUU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RE-ARRANGING THE ROOMS?
OH! MIKI WELCOME BACK!
.....
A GUEST?

WOW IT'S PITCH-DARK.
IT STILL ISN'T THAT LATE,
BUT THE SUN IS SETTING SO EARLY...

HUH ...?
GRIN!
SOME-ONE'S FOL-LOWING ...
MAYBE IT'S JUST MY IMAGI-NATION.
PEEK
.....
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
(QUICK PACE)

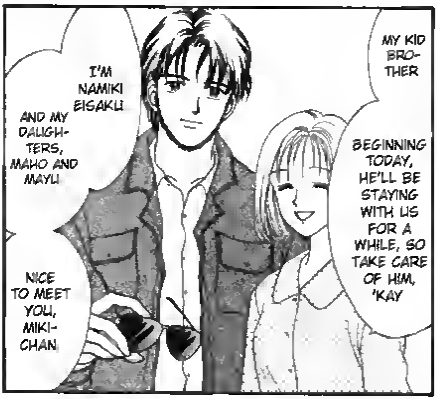
A PERVERT!!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
GEH!!
HE'S FOLLOWING ME AFTER ALL!


ESCAPE
OH NO! I'M SCA-A-ARED!!


Ah!
I WAS SO SCARED
WHEW
I'M SAVED.
SLAM!

STA-A-ARE
WHA...
WHAT'S WITH THESE GIRLS!?
WHEW! FOUND MY WAY AT LAST!
YIPES!
KNOCK
PAPA!
Y.. YOU.. EVEN INTO SOME-ONE'S HOME..
WELCOME B/-A-ACK ♡
MM. I'M HOME.

EISAKU! YOU'RE LATE.
OH, WERE YOU WITH MIKI-CHAN, TOO?
CHI-YAKO-SAN..
THEN, THIS PERSON CAN'T POS-SIBLY BE...


MY KID BRO-THER
BEGINNING TODAY, HE'LL BE STAYING WITH US FOR A WHILE, SO TAKE CARE OF HIM, 'KAY
I'M NAMIKI EISAKU.
AND MY DAUGH-TERS, MAHO AND MAYU.
NICE TO MEET YOU, MIKI-CHAN.

S...
SURE

JUST LIKE THAT, HE BECAME A PROFESSOR AT A GERMAN UNIVERSITY, AND SO HE DIDN'T COME HOME AT ALL.
IT'S BEEN 18 YEARS.
WHEN HE WAS A GRADUATE STUDENT, EISAKU STUDIED IN GERMANY AND SETTLED DOWN THERE...
SHE'S A LINGUIST WHO'S STUDYING JAPANESE.
YEAH FIVE YEARS AGO.
I HEAR YOU'RE MARRIED TO A GERMAN WOMAN?
WHAT'S YOUR AREA OF STUDY?
IT'S ETH-NOLOGY.
AND SO MAHO AND MAYU ARE ALSO BILINGUAL
YES IT'S FOR AROUND 2 WEEKS...
ARE YOU GOING TO BE ABLE TO TAKE IT EASY THIS TIME?
...BUT I INTEND TO MAKE PART OF IT A VACATION AND ENJOY JAPAN AT LEISURE
I ALSO WANTED TO SHOW JAPAN ONCE TO MAHO AND MAYU...
Yeah Though I've heard the name.
Are you meeting him for the first time too Yuu?
THERE WERE A FEW TIMES WHEN I'D RETURN HOME BECAUSE OF THE ACADEMY, LIKE THIS TIME
BUT MY SCHEDULE WAS ALWAYS TIGHT, AND I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO SEE MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS .

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
OKAY.
IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU, WE'LL DO IT.
PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE, AND MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
WELL, GOOD NIGHT.
AH, MIKI-CHAN.
I SCARED YOU BACK THERE. I'M SORRY.
...
OH. IS THAT SO?
ME, TOO.
I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM NOW.
I HAVE HOME-WORK.
NOT AT ALL.
GOOD NIGHT.
HEH!
YOU MISTOOK HIM FOR A PERVE-E-ERT?
YOU'RE SUCH A DUMMY. WHY THAT, TOO..?
Before I come home from work
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
WHAT?

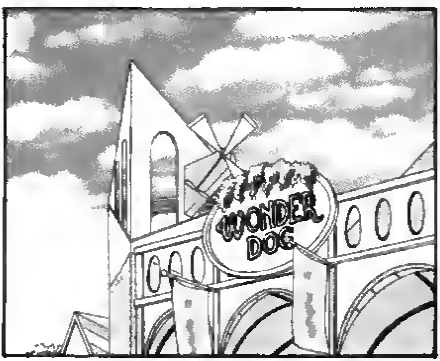
I WAS TOLD THAT AFTER HE GOT HERE AROUND NOON AND LEFT THE TWINS IN OUR CARE, EISAKU-SAN WENT OUT ON BUSINESS ALONE
ON THE WAY BACK, HE GOT LOST, AND WHEN IT WAS GETTING DARK I HAPPENED TO PASS BY, SO HE FOLLOWED ME
CHUCKLE
SO, WHAT'S THE REAL STORY?
BE-CAUSE!
AN UNSHAVEN MAN TRAILS AFTER ME AT NIGHT. ANYONE WOULD THINK THAT.
AH HA HA...
I SEE...
BUT HE SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONVINCING PROOF, SO HE DIDN'T CALL OUT TO ME AT THE TIME, AND DECIDED TO FOLLOW ME
RATHER THAN MY FACE, IT SEEMS HE KNEW ME BECAUSE OF MY HAIRSTYLE AND SCHOOL UNIFORM
I HEARD THAT CHIYAKO-SAN HAD SENT A FAMILY PICTURE
HE KNEW WHAT YOU LOOKED LIKE?
RE-COVER YOUR GOOD HUMOR
'KAY?
SORRY, MY FAULT. FOR LAUGH-ING
GRR. I WAS REALLY SCARED!
IT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH ABOUT
PWIP!

...ANY SORT OF MOOD IS FIXED...
WITH JUST ONE KISS FROM YUU...
MMM...
I'M SO SIMPLE...
URYKI!
STA-A-ARE...

Y..
Y'KNOW..
WHAT YOU SAW JUST NOW IS A SECRET FROM EVERYONE, 'KAY? A SECRET!
WHEN DID THEY...!
A SECRET? WHY?
'KAY? GOT IT!?
NO MATTER WHAT!
A SECRET ?
RIGHT! IT'S BAD IF YOU TALK ABOUT IT TO OTHERS IT'S A SECRET, 'KAY!?
NOD.
MAYU, TOO!
TAKE ME!
MAHO WANTS TO GO TO THE AMUSE-MENT PARK
WHEW-W-W!
THE AMUSE-MENT PARK!

The amuse-ment park! Yayyy!
Yayyy yayyy! The amuse-ment park!

...
YOU MEAN, A BRIBE?
Yayyy!
Yayyy!


WONDER DOG

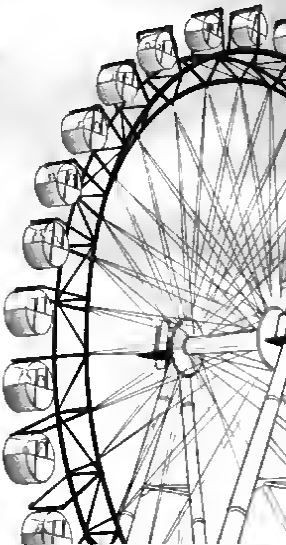
KYAA!
KYAA!
KYAA!
MAYU, TOO-O-O!
MAHO RIDE THA-A-AT! THA-A-AT!
KYAA!
HURRY, HURRY-Y-Y!
RIDE THAT ONE, TOO-O-O!
KYAA!
KYAA!
KYAA!
THAT ONE NE-E-EXT!
H. . HEY, LET'S REST FOR A BIT
I'LL BUY YOU ICE CREAM.
STAGGER...
THE POWER OF 3-YEAR-OLDS IS FRIGHTE-NING
I CAN'T KEEP UP
WE CAN FINALLY REST A BIT
WHEW...
Ice cream!
Ice cream!
Yayyy!

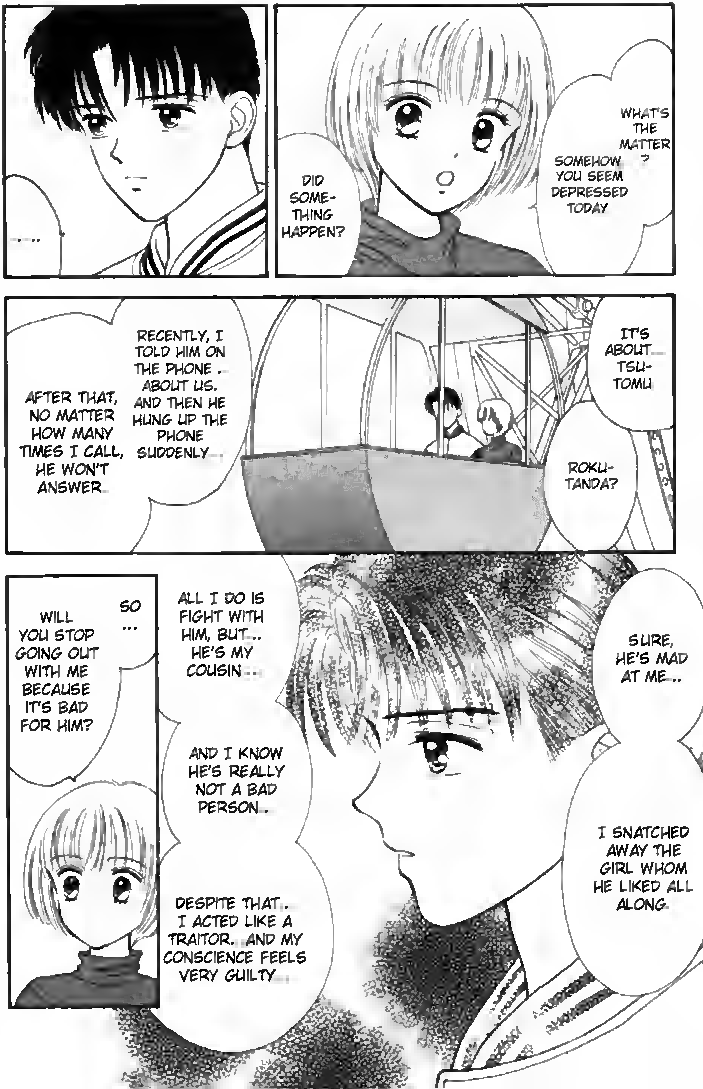
IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES, HUH.. ?
AND THEN WE RAN INTO ARIMI.
YEAH.
RE-MEMBER ?
THE FIRST TIME THE TWO OF US WENT TO PLAY WAS HERE, RIGHT?
I WONDER IF ARIMI-SAN IS ON A DATE WITH GINTA AROUND NOW.
HUH? NO WAY.
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT
THOSE GUYS MIGHT COME HERE, TOO.

WALKING ARM IN ARM. .
THEY'RE PERFECT SWEET-HEARTS, HM
THEY REALLY WERE HERE...
BUT..
DUMMY. WHAT ARE YOU COMPETING WITH?
HUG!

AH!
STARE
STARE

Yayyy!
Yayyy!
NNNH... SO, SHALL WE GO ON TO THE NEXT RIDE NOW!?




.....
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? SOMEHOW YOU SEEM DEPRESSED TODAY
IT'S ABOUT... TSUTOMU
ROKUTANDA?
RECENTLY, I TOLD HIM ON THE PHONE... ABOUT US. AND THEN HE HUNG UP THE PHONE SUDDENLY...
AFTER THAT, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I CALL, HE WON'T ANSWER...
SURE, HE'S MAD AT ME...
I SNATCHED AWAY THE GIRL WHOM HE LIKED ALL ALONG.
ALL I DO IS FIGHT WITH HIM, BUT... HE'S MY COUSIN...
AND I KNOW HE'S REALLY NOT A BAD PERSON..
DESPITE THAT.. I ACTED LIKE A TRAITOR.. AND MY CONSCIENCE FEELS VERY GUILTY...
SO...
WILL YOU STOP GOING OUT WITH ME BECAUSE IT'S BAD FOR HIM?

EVEN IF I END UP BREAKING MY TIES WITH TSUTOMU, I WON'T STOP GOING OUT WITH YOU, SUZUKI-SAN!!
NO!! ANYTHING BUT THAT. DEFINITELY NOT THAT.
SAY.
WHY DON'T WE TRY AND GO TO ROKU-TANDA'S PLACE NOW?
EH!?
IF HE WON'T TAKE YOUR CALLS, THEN ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO SEE HIM AND SPEAK TO HIM DIRECTLY, RIGHT?
'KAY!? LET'S GO!
THAT'S GREAT
I'M RELIEVED ♡
TEE HEE
FLUSH
...
LET'S TALK TO HIM AND GET HIM TO FORGIVE US
'KAY?

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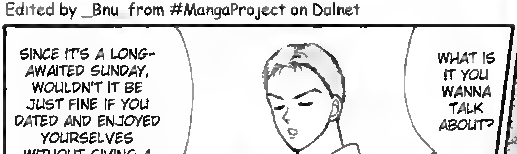
SINCE IT'S A LONG-AWAITED SUNDAY, WOULDN'T IT BE JUST FINE IF YOU DATED AND ENJOYED YOURSELVES WITHOUT GIVING A THOUGHT TOWARDS ME?
WHAT IS IT YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT?

YOUR CASE IS DIFFERENT FROM MATSUURA'S, GINTA
IF IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'VE EACH SHARED YOUR FEELINGS TOWARDS EACH OTHER, THEN I SHOULD MIND MY OWN BUSINESS
THAT I WAS ATTACKING WITHOUT LOSING HEART NO MATTER HOW MUCH ARIMI LIKED MATSUURA .
. WAS BECAUSE I KNEW THAT MATSUURA WASN'T INTERESTED

THEN, WE CAN ALSO BE FRIENDS FROM NOW ON...
TSU-TOMU!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HANGING OUT AS FRIENDS WITH ARIMI.
I WON'T THINK OF YOU AS A COUSIN ANYMORE, GINTA.
I MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT I'M PRETTY HURT.
GOING OUT TOGETHER IS UP TO YOU GUYS, BUT SAYING THAT YOU WANT IT TO STAY THE SAME WITH ME AS IT ALWAYS WAS IS ASKING A BIT TOO MUCH!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
ALSO !!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE EITHER OF YOUR FACES ANY-MORE, EITHER !!

FOR THE TIME BEING!
TSU
TSUTO-MU-U-U!
BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YEARS, UHM... HOW MANY MONTHS, IT'LL TAKE!
BE PRE-PARED FOR IT!!
THOUGH I'LL TRY TO GET MYSELF TO FORGIVE YOU AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE!
'CAUSE I'M KIND-HEARTED!
TSU-TOMU ...
WELL ..
BYE!!
R STUDIO

FREE TALK ⑦

For the GameBoy, the story is pretty faithful to the original, but for the Super Famicon, it differs considerably. It differs from the anime, too. An original story with Marmalade characters that differs from the original work as well as the anime can be enjoyed. When I played it, the strongest impression that I was left with was the phone call from Kei to Miki. (^x^) Kei calls up Miki and says something like, "I like you. Go out with me." And Miki says "What?!" and while she's at a loss what to do, Kei suddenly says "Ah! Wrong number!" and hangs up the phone. Who in the world could Kei have meant to confess his love to...? Later on, he finally confesses to Miki... So, it's an enigma. (^x^)

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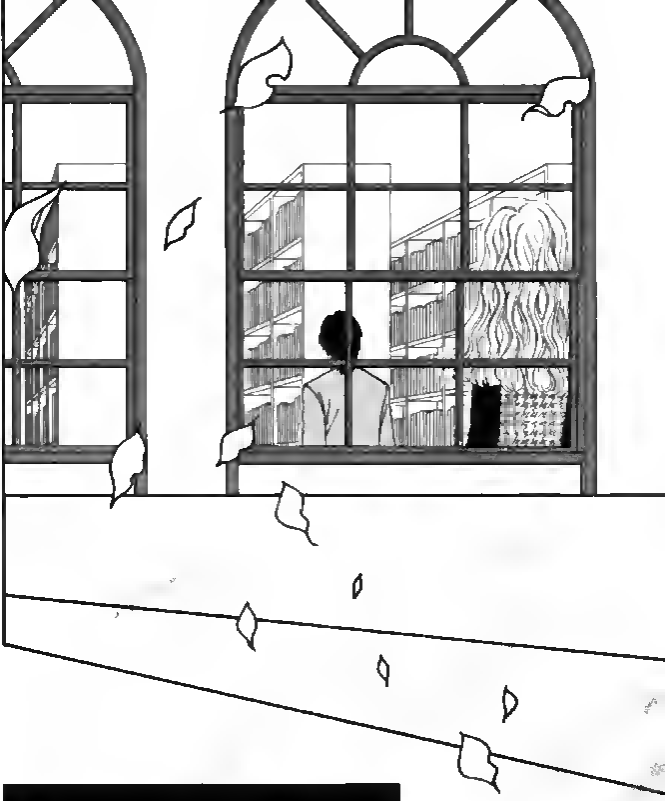
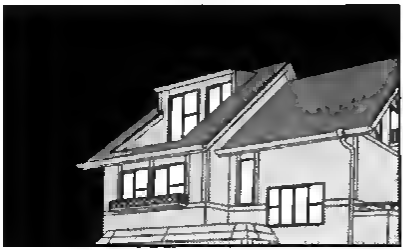
I HEARD FROM YUU
YOU'RE MARRYING NAMURA
IT WAS BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO FORGET ABOUT YOUR PAST THAT I ENCOURAGED YOU TO WRITE A STORY, BUT...
...IT SEEMS TO HAVE HAD THE OPPOSITE EFFECT...
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE SUCH A STRONG PERSON.
I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL OVER AGAIN
I'M...
...VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU, MIWA-SAN.
I REALLY...
CAN'T QUITE EXPRESS IT IN WORDS...
I DON'T WANT ANY GRATI-TUDE!
WHAM!

...YOU WON'T BE MINE...!?
NO MATTER WHAT..
I'M SORRY..

YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL EVEN WHEN YOU CRY
WHEN I'M SHOWN AN EXPRESSION LIKE THAT.
IT SHAKES MY RESOLVE TO GIVE YOU UP..!
!!
JUST JOKING!
I'LL GIVE YOU UP WITH GOOD GRACE.
I CAME TODAY WITH THAT INTEN-TION.
I WISH YOU HAPPI-NESS
FARE-WELL.





DEAD TIRED
Miki
OOO...
I'M SO-O-O TIRED
I CAN'T DO ANY MORE
KNOCK KNOCK
REEL!
BUT I HAVE TO DO MY ENGLISH HOME-WORK
I'LL DEFINITELY BE CALLED ON TO-MORROW
AUNTIE BOUGHT US A TOY
LET'S PLAY TO-GETHER

AH, YEAH I'M REALLY SORRY.
YOU CAN'T PLAY?
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND THAT, HUH.
I... I'M SORRY. I'M A LITTLE TIRED AND I STILL HAVE TO DO MY ENGLISH HOMEWORK, TOO...
WH...
WHAT POWER!
...THEN...
IS IT ALL RIGHT TO TELL EVERY-ONE...
...THAT YOU WERE KISSING?
KYA
KYA
SAVE ME, YUU-U-U
OH GOD
KYA

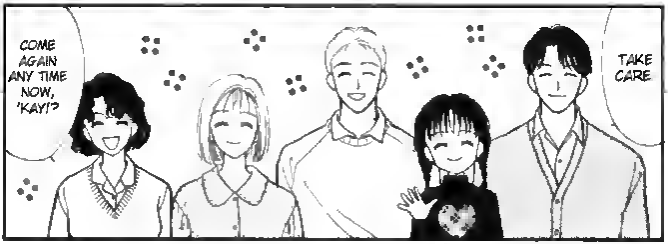
Miki-chan is playing with them now, too
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT TODAY...
MAKING YOU TOTALLY KEEP AN EYE OVER MY LITTLE ONES
THOUGH IT'S TRUE I'M TIRED
OH, NO IT WAS OKAY
BUT IF YOU'RE IN 3RD-YEAR HIGH, YOU MUST BE BUSY STUDYING FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS
OH, WE'RE ATTACHED TO TOURYOU UNIVERSITY, SO WE CAN GO UP THE ESCALATOR SYSTEM WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE EXAMS
SO LONG AS YOU DON'T GET REALLY BAD MARKS YOU ALMOST ALWAYS GRADUATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUR FIRST CHOICE...
AH, I SEE
WHAT IS IT?
AH! NO I'M SORRY
I'M OVER-COME BY DEEP EMOTION...
WHEN I THINK THAT THE SON OF MY FIRST LOVE HAS GROWN SO BIG...
It's been years... For me too
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "FIRST LOVE"? WITH YOUR REAL SISTER?

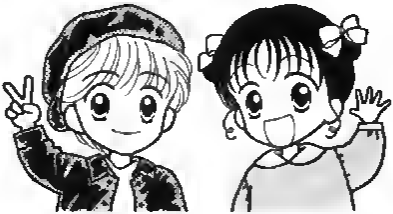
AND I WAS LOOKED AFTER AT MY UNCLE'S PLACE... BY THE NAMIKIS
WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR HIGH, I LOST MY PARENTS IN AN ACCIDENT..
SHE'S REALLY MY COUSIN.
UHH.. NO.
PERHAPS... MOTHER AND EISAKU-SAN WERE IN LOVE...
...AND EISAKU-SAN'S STUDYING ABROAD IS WHAT CAUSED THE TWO OF THEM TO SPLIT UP.
IT WAS 18 YEARS AGO WHEN EISAKU-SAN STUDIED ABROAD IN GERMANY.
IT'S EXACTLY WHEN FATHER AND MOTHER WERE MARRIED.
THEY'RE NOT BROTHER AND SISTER!?

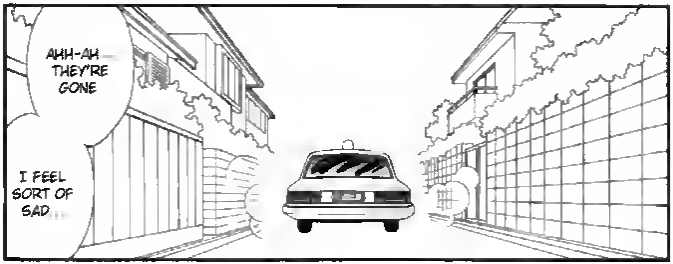
CAN'T BE!
THIS PERSON IS MY FATHER-R-R!?

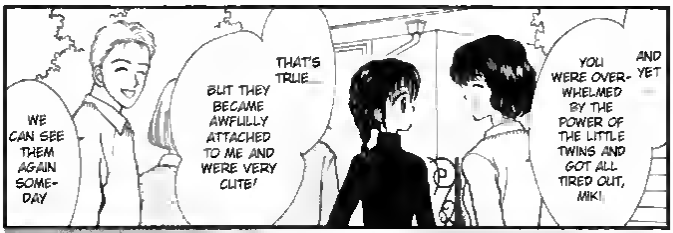
THAT'S WHY HE REVEALED THOSE THINGS TO ME SO LIGHT-HEARTEDLY
EVEN IF EISAKU-SAN IS MY FATHER, HE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT.
"FIRST LOVE"
"SHE'S REALLY MY COUSIN."
BUT..
KNOWING ONLY NOW THAT I'M HIS SON MAY JUST BE TROUBLE-SOME FOR HIM...
I WANT TO MAKE SURE!!

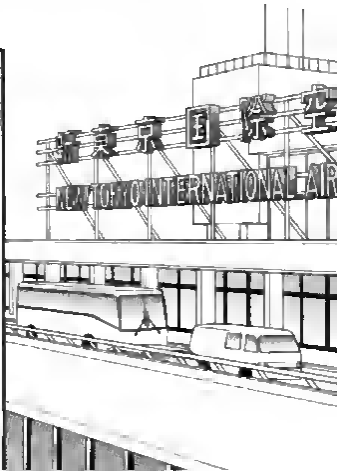
SO LONG!
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.


COME AGAIN ANY TIME NOW, 'KAY!?
TAKE CARE




AHH-AH... THEY'RE GONE
I FEEL SORT OF SAD...


WE CAN SEE THEM AGAIN SOME-DAY
BUT THEY BECAME AWFULLY ATTACHED TO ME AND WERE VERY CUTE!
THAT'S TRUE...
YOU WERE OVER-WHELMED BY THE POWER OF THE LITTLE TWINS AND GOT ALL TIRED OUT, MIKI.
AND YET...


INTERNATIONAL AIR

YUU-KUN!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
TO SEE US OFF?
出国手続
SPORT CONTROL
YES...
THERE WAS SOME-THING I WANTED TO ASK YOU.
IT'S IN ABSOLUTE SECRECY FROM MY FAMILY.
...AND SO I WAS WAITING HERE
WASN'T THERE SOME-THING YOU HAD TO GO OUT AND DO?
I'M HAPPY, BUT...
WHY TAKE THE TROUBLE TO COME TO NARITA?

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North Ting Departures
I WAS TALKING ABOUT MY DAYS AS A JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT... WHEN I HAD JUST COME TO THE NAMIKI FAMILY
SIS DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING...
I SAID "FIRST LOVE", BUT ALL I MEANT WAS THAT I WAS ADMIRING HER ON MY OWN...
THERE'S NO WAY THAT CAN BE!

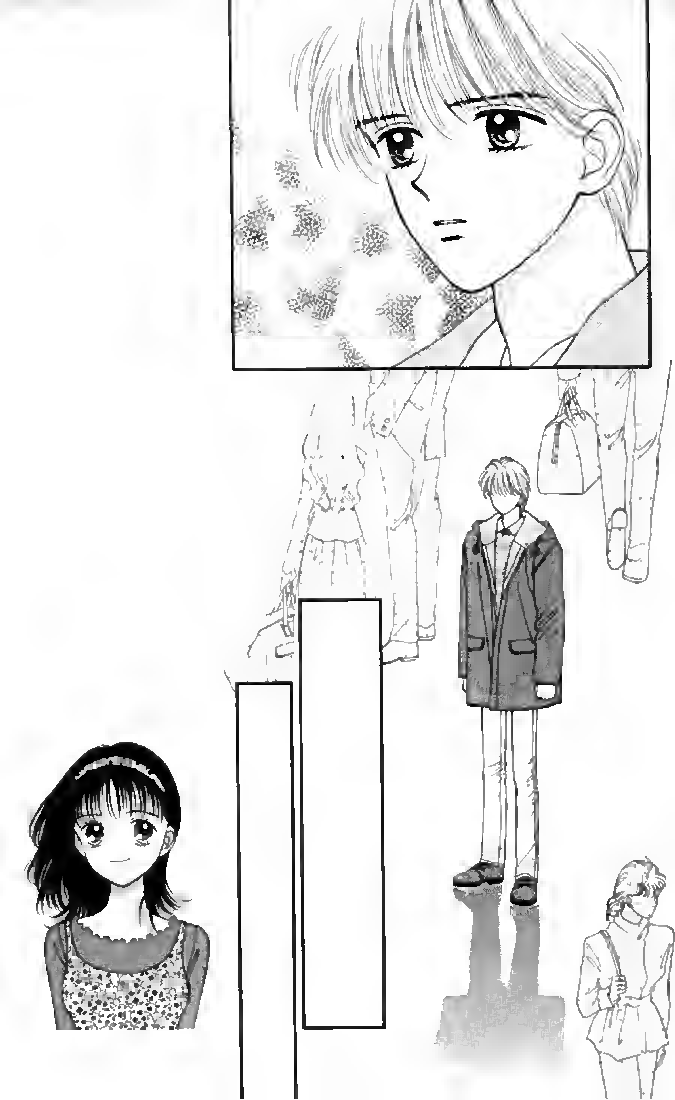
MY ADMIRATION QUICKLY AND NATURALLY TURNED INTO A BROTHERLY LOVE...
THAT'S ALL IT WAS!

WHO IT WAS THAT WAS GOING OUT WITH MY MOTHER DURING HER DAYS AS A STUDENT BEFORE SHE MARRIED!?
YOU DON'T KNOW...
REALLY ...?

WHAT'S THE NAME OF MOTHER'S OLD LOVER?
PLEASE TELL ME!
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
YUU-KUN!
I'M...
...NOT MY FATHER'S REAL SON.

YUU-KUN!!
MOTHER'S LOVER WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT IS PROBABLY MY...
YOUR FATHER IS MATSUURA YOUJI-SAN.
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE

I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS,
BUT IT SEEMS THERE WAS SOME TROUBLE OVER A LOVE PROBLEM PRIOR TO SIS' MARRIAGE.
BUT YOU SHOULD BELIEVE IN YOUR PARENTS... IN YOUR PARENTS' LOVE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE TROUBLED ABOUT.



SAY, YUU...
THE TRIP TO KITA-KYUSHU THIS WINTER BREAK...
WHEN DO YOU WANT TO GO?
WELL... SHOULDN'T IT BE AFTER NEW YEAR'S?
THE END OF THE YEAR IS PRETTY HECTIC..
THAT'S TRUE
OKAY.
LET'S DO IT LIKE THAT
...BUT I WONDER IF IT'LL BE COLD
MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER ONCE IT STARTS TO GET WARMER.
JANU-ARY... IT'S NOT A VERY GOOD TIME FOR TRAVEL-ING, HM
SPRING BREAK, MAYBE

LET'S GO!
IT'S ALL RIGHT IF IT'S COLD.
I WANT TO GO SOON.
.....
YEAH!

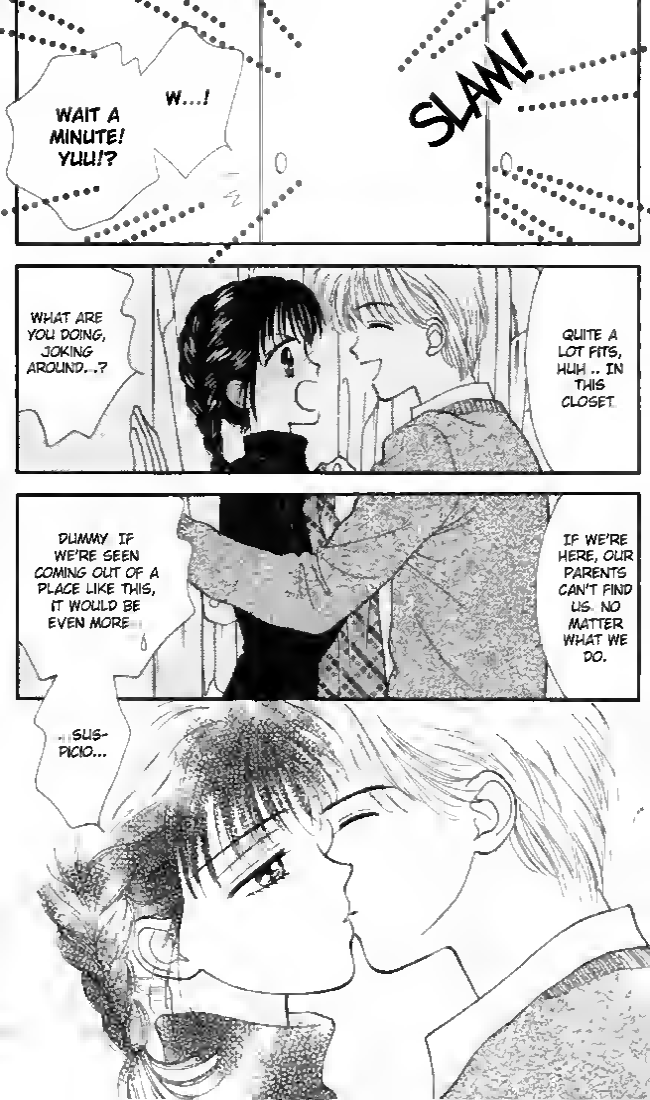
BEFORE THAT, THERE'S CHRISTMAS, TOO...
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT ♡
YEAH
I WONDER IF WE'LL GET TOGETHER AND EAT WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY THIS YEAR, TOO?
IT WOULD BE GREAT TO PARTY UP A STORM WITH MEIKO, GINTA AND THE OTHERS!
Y'KNOW
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.
IS IT OKAY TO ASK FOR IT?
SURE... WHAT IS IT?
A RING!
A RING, HUH...
THAT SOUNDS EXPENSIVE. I WONDER IF I CAN BUY ONE.
THERE'S ALSO THE TRAVELING COSTS, AND...
OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF IT'S JUST AN INEXPENSIVE ONE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS.
IF IT'S YOU WHO'S BUYING IT, YUU!

AND THEN, I'LL PUT IT ON HERE, AND NEVER EVER TAKE IT OFF...
Can't do, that when I'm working though
UH-HUH I SEE.
SURE.
REALLY !?
I'M SO HAPPY! YUU, I LOVE YOU!!
HU-U-UG!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I DIDN'T GET YOU ANYTHING WHEN IT WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY IN MARCH
EVEN THOUGH YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING WHEN IT WAS MINE IN JUNE
AFTER VALENTINE'S, TOO
ISN'T THERE ONE MORE THING THAT YOU WANT? FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY....
THAT'S OKAY
SO A RING ALONE IS ENOUGH!
BACK THEN, YOU WERE BUSY APPEARING IN THE COMMERCIAL, YUU.
REALLY?
AH, THEN, IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU TAKE A SINGLE ITEM THAT'S IN THIS ROOM.
HUH? BUT...
I SAID IT'S OKAY, SO PICK SOMETHING
ANYTHING IS FINE!
REALLY?
THEN, MAYBE I'LL TAKE SOMETHING
YAYYY! SOMETHING THAT YUU REGULARLY USES ♡
LET'S SEE WHAT SHALL I CHOOSE...?
OH, THIS ALARM CLOCK IS WONDERFUL ♡
THIS BALLPOINT PEN! I'VE BEEN THINKING FOR A WHILE HOW NICE THIS IS
OH, BUT THIS WRISTWATCH IS NICE, TOO

Let's see, let's see. I can't make up my mind.
YOUR FATHER IS MATSUURA YOUJI-SAN.
THERE'S NO ONE ELSE
COULD THAT..
...MEAN, "BELIEVE IN THAT"?
IT'S TRUE, HM
AS MIKI WAS TELLING ME BEFORE, I HAVE A WARM FAMILY THAT LOVES ME.
BLOOD TIES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT..
I'LL PUT IT OUT OF MY MIND.
ABOUT MY REAL FATHER...
I'LL QUIT PRYING OUT SECRETS FROM THE PAST ALREADY.

YUU!
THEN, CAN I HAVE THIS SHIRT?
THE ONE YOU'RE WEARING OFTEN LATELY. THAT YOU'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO...
I HAVE MIKI, AND I HAVE MY FAMILY.
THAT'S ENOUGH HAPPINESS FOR ME.
THAT'S FINE.
!!!
YAYYY! THANK YOU!
UH-HUH.
SURE.
PUSH!
HUH?
!?
I wonder what sort of style I'll wear it in?
I could even do it in pajama style


WAIT A MINUTE! YUU!?
W...!
SLAM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, JOKING AROUND..?
QUITE A LOT FITS, HUH .. IN THIS CLOSET.
DUMMY IF WE'RE SEEN COMING OUT OF A PLACE LIKE THIS, IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE
IF WE'RE HERE, OUR PARENTS CAN'T FIND US NO MATTER WHAT WE DO.
..SUS-PICIO...

I WAS HAPPY.

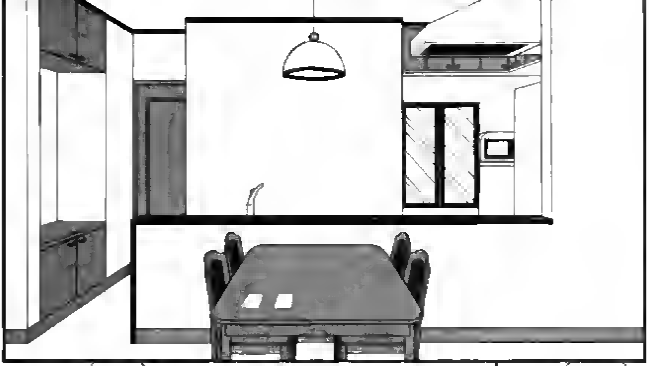
AND TIGHTLY EMBRACED.

WE KISSED AGAIN AND AGAIN...

WITHIN THE TIGHT CLOSET.

TO THINK THAT IN JUST A FEW DAYS THIS HAPPINESS WOULD BE COMPLETELY SHATTERED...

IT WAS SOMETHING I DIDN'T DREAM OF...



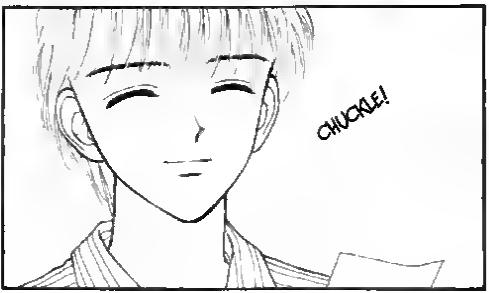
IT'S SUNDAY, BUT...
NO ONE'S HERE
Pajamas
HUH...?

We're going to the beauty parlor and shopping! We'll be home by suppertime. ♡
-Rumi & Chiyako
THAT'S RIGHT... FATHER'S ON A BUSINESS TRIP...
AND IS JIN-SAN GOLFING ?
AND THE OTHER THREE ARE ?

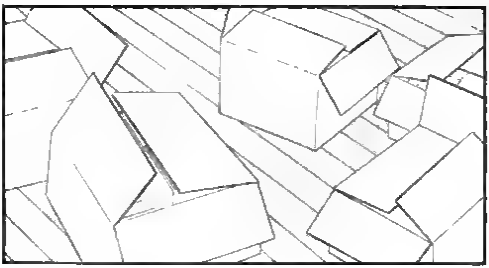
FREE TALK ⑦

Something happened recently that I'm very happy about which is that Banpresto san made a Katchan keyholder as a bonus for a game (<toruturu> mascot) Up till now, not even a single Katchan item was made, and I was thinking, "Sure enough, it's because he isn't cute, so it doesn't look like it will sell, hm <SFX for feeling crestfallen>" and I'd given up, so I was very happy

Dear Sleepyhead Yuu
I'm off to work!
If you bring out the Christmas tree (that we bought the year before last) for me, I'll be so happy.
We can decorate it together when I come home, 'kay!
#DO NOT# do it by yourself!
Miki



The real thing is cuter! It's around 9 cm tall, soft, with mouth clenched and its plain features are what's super pretty Please try to look for it in any game centers, kay? The Miki and Meiko ones are cute, too



The way this is going I bet Miki the year before last
SHIT...
I CAN'T FIND IT
TOSSED IT OUT AGAIN, HUH
JEEZ ..
GRADUATION ALBUM
FLUTTER!
IT'S FATHER'S, HM.
I'LL TAKE A PEEK...
THERE ARE GRADUATION ALBUMS IN COLLEGE, TOO, HUH...

I'LL SHOW THIS TO MIKI TOO, LATER ON
WOWWW SO YOUNG!
HEH!
CHUCKLE...
AHH, IT'S THE TENNIS CIRCLE'S
I THINK THEY SAID THE TWO OF THEM BECAME ACQUAINTED IN THE CIRCLE...
MAYBE SOMEWHERE THERE'S ONE TAKEN OF MOTHER, TOO

CAN'T BE...!
JIN-SAN!?
I HADN'T HEARD THAT THEY WERE FRIENDS DURING THEIR DAYS IN SCHOOL.
FATHER AND THE OTHERS OUGHT TO HAVE MET FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE HAWAII TRIP.

MY FATHER IS...
JIN-SAN!?
MY MOTHER'S...
...LOVER DURING HER DAYS AS A STUDENT WAS...
NO WAY...
YOU'RE ...KID-DING...

THEN...
MIKI AND I ARE...
...BROTHER AND SISTER BY BLOOD!?

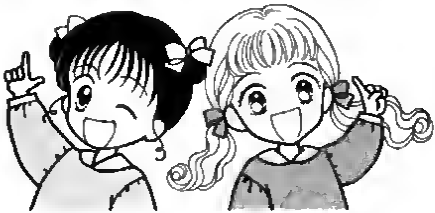
I'M HO-O-OME! YUU-UU.
DID YOU BRING OUT THE TREE FOR ME?
HUH!?
HE'S NOT AROUND...
THE TREE HASN'T BEEN TAKEN OUT, EITHER...
I WONDER IF THERE WAS AN ERRAND HE HAD TO RUN?
THEN, I'LL BRING IT OUT.

AH, MIWA-SAN?
YES? HELLO...
TRRRR
TRRRR
ARE YOU WELL, KOISHI-KAWA?
YUP!
OH, IF IT'S YUU YOU WANT, HE STEPPED OUT FOR A MINUTE JUST NOW...
NO...
ACTUALLY, YUU IS HERE AT MY PLACE RIGHT NOW
IT'S BEEN A WHILE AND THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT...
BEEP!
OH, SINCE HE'S GONE TO BUY STUFF AT A CONVENIENCE STORE RIGHT NOW, I CALLED YOU INSTEAD...
HE SAID HE'S STAYING OVER AT MY PLACE TONIGHT, AND HE'LL BE HOME IN TIME FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW MORNING...
OKAY I SEE
BYE.

IS IT OKAY NOW, YUU?
HE'S STAYING OVER AT MIWA-SAN'S PLACE, HUH...
I WAS THINKING OF DECORATING IT TOGETHER WITH HIM! HOW BORING
OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY TOMORROW, THOUGH
YUU...
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF RING HE'S BUYING FOR ME?

AHH, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS.
I WONDER WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT YUU'S PRESENT?
IF SOMETHING TO WEAR TOGETHER WITH THE BRACELET FROM LAST YEAR
IF POSSIBLE, A PEARL ONE WOULD BE NICE...
THEN MAYBE I'LL DO SOME OF MY MATH HOMEWORK FOR A CHANGE. !
A-A-ALL RIGHT
COMING OVER ALL OF A SUDDEN, WITH A FACE THAT'S WHITE AS A SHEET ...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE MATTER ?
WHAT HAPPENED ?
YUU
I WON'T UNDER-STAND IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHI-I-NG

KNOCK
KNOCK
YUU?
IT'S
ME!



HEY
WON'T YOU EAT SOME CAKE WITH EVERYONE DOWNSTAIRS? MAMA BOUGHT A DELICIOUS ONE
AHH
CLACK
WHAT IS IT?
I'M OKAY
THERE'S A BOOK I WANT TO READ FOR A BIT
REALLY? THEN, SHALL I BRING YOU SOME?
NO, THAT'S OKAY. THANK YOU
SLAM
Jeez how boring

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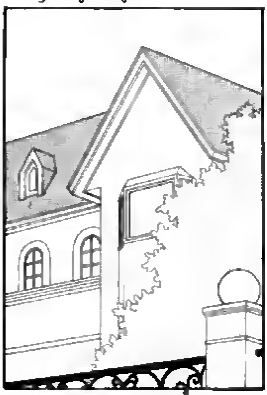

IT'S NOT THAT I'M GOOD AT IT. IT'S SOMETHING I TRIED FOR THE FIRST TIME...
WHILE FOLLOWING A BOOK.
Ooo Wow
YOU WERE GOOD AT KNITTING? I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!
THIS GREEN IS A TASTEFUL COLOR!
I THOUGHT MAYBE I WAS BEING RASH, BUT...
AND ON TOP OF THAT, A FISHERMAN'S!?
Instead of a muffler or something?
WHAT!?
FOR YOUR FIRST TRY, A SWEATER? JUST LIKE THAT!?
I UNDID AND FIXED THE KNITTING MANY TIMES
THERE WAS NOTHING AMAZING ABOUT IT.
THE FRONT AND BACK SIDES ARE WRONG BY ONE SIZE TOO LARGE. IT'S DISTRESSING!
A feat that's impossible for me
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL! IT'S BEAUTIFULLY MADE.
FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE NIMBLE FINGERS, THINGS CERTAINLY TURN OUT DIFFERENTLY AMAZING!

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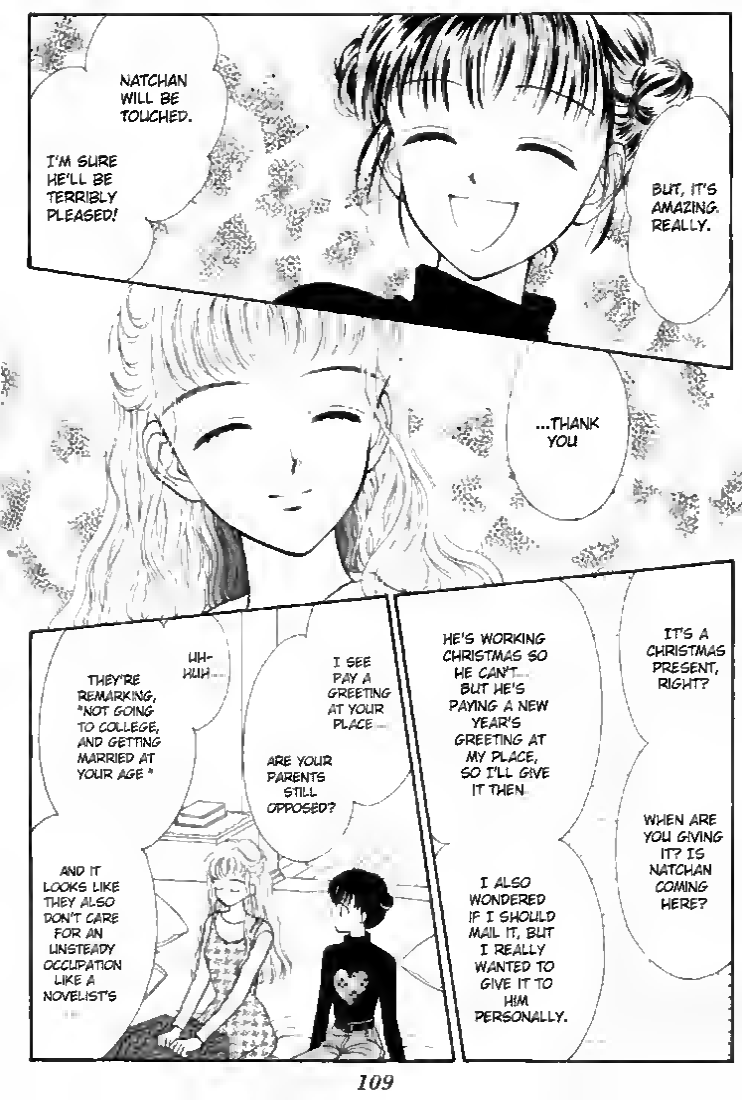
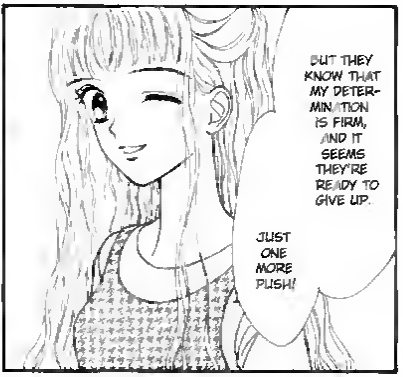
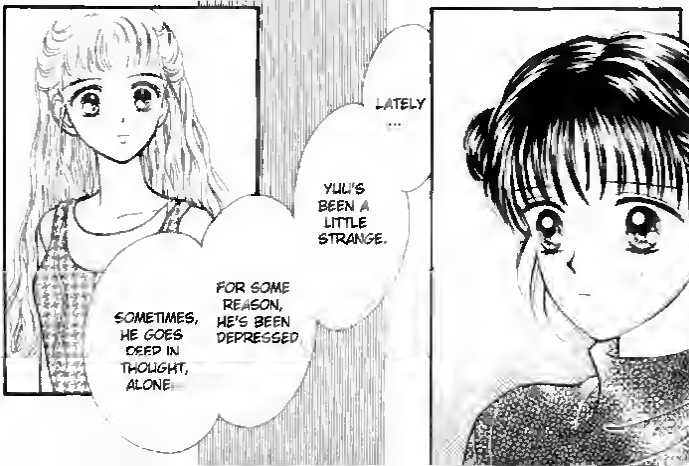
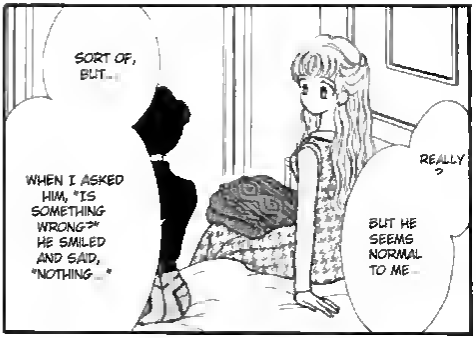

NATCHAN WILL BE TOUCHED.
I'M SURE HE'LL BE TERRIBLY PLEASED!
BUT, IT'S AMAZING. REALLY.
...THANK YOU
IT'S A CHRISTMAS PRESENT, RIGHT?
HE'S WORKING CHRISTMAS SO HE CAN'T... BUT HE'S PAYING A NEW YEAR'S GREETING AT MY PLACE, SO I'LL GIVE IT THEN.
WHEN ARE YOU GIVING IT? IS NATCHAN COMING HERE?
I ALSO WONDERED IF I SHOULD MAIL IT, BUT I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE IT TO HIM PERSONALLY.
UH-HUH...
I SEE PAY A GREETING AT YOUR PLACE...
ARE YOUR PARENTS STILL OPPOSED?
THEY'RE REMARKING, "NOT GOING TO COLLEGE, AND GETTING MARRIED AT YOUR AGE"
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ALSO DON'T CARE FOR AN UNSTEADY OCCUPATION LIKE A NOVELIST'S

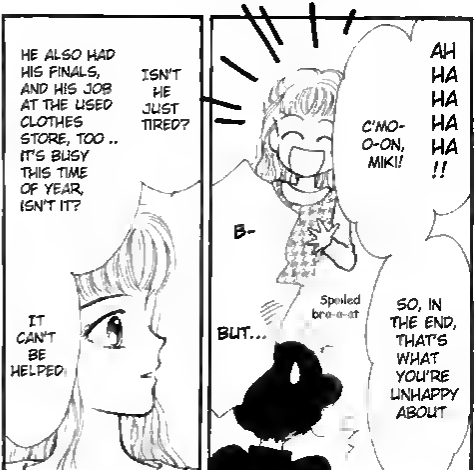

BUT THEY KNOW THAT MY DETERMINATION IS FIRM, AND IT SEEMS THEY'RE READY TO GIVE UP.
JUST ONE MORE PUSH!

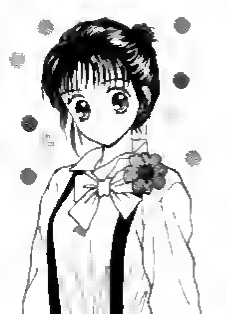
I HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING SOON.
I'VE LOOKED IN A LOT OF STORES... BUT, THERE'S NOTHING THAT SAYS "THIS IS IT!" TO ME.
OOO...
I HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANYTHING YET.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MIKI?
WHAT ARE YOU GIVING MATSUURA-KUN FOR CHRISTMAS?
No way I can do something handmade...


LATELY ...
YUU'S BEEN A LITTLE STRANGE.
FOR SOME REASON, HE'S BEEN DEPRESSED.
SOMETIMES, HE GOES DEEP IN THOUGHT, ALONE.


SORT OF, BUT...
WHEN I ASKED HIM, "IS SOMETHING WRONG?" HE SMILED AND SAID, "NOTHING..."
REALLY?
BUT HE SEEMS NORMAL TO ME...

HE'S NOT GIVING ME ANY ATTENTION LIKE USUAL, AND IT'S BORING.
BUT SOME-THING'S WEIRD, Y'KNOW.


HE ALSO HAD HIS FINALS, AND HIS JOB AT THE USED CLOTHES STORE, TOO.. IT'S BUSY THIS TIME OF YEAR, ISN'T IT?
ISN'T HE JUST TIRED?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
C'MO-O-ON, MIKI!
AH HA HA HA HA !!
B-
BUT...
Spoiled brat
SO, IN THE END, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE UNHAPPY ABOUT



THIS YEAR, PAPA WILL BE ON A BUSINESS TRIP, AND THERE WON'T BE A FAMILY DINNER GET-TOGETHER, SO WE CAN SPEND SOME TIME ALONE TOGETHER!
AHH, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
I SEE THAT'S TRUE...
OH WELL, THAT'S OKAY I'LL HAVE HIM TOTALLY SPOIL ME ON CHRISTMAS
I WONDER IF THE 24TH WON'T GET HERE SOON... ♡
I'LL BE GETTING A RING, TOO... ♡
EH HEH HEH!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
I HAVE TO HURRY AND BUY A PRESENT!
Ah!
BE-FORE THAT

S...
SO EX-
PENSI-
I-IVE!!
Mk.

A-A-ALL RIGHT!!
EX-CUSE ME!
I'LL TAKE THIS, PLEASE !!

IT'S NO GOOD I GIVE UP
IT'S OVER MY BUDGET
BUT ..
I TOOK THE TROUBLE OF FINDING JUST THE RIGHT THING!
PEEK
IF IT'S A WRIST-WATCH
I CAN GET HIM TO WEAR IT ALL THE TIME
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December 24th
WELL, I'M OFF TO WORK...
BE THERE AT OUR USUAL PARK BENCH AT 4, 'KAY!
.....
MIKI..
HM?
NO...
LATER'S FINE.
THEN, AT 4 O'CLOCK, 'KAY!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
RATTLE
KEI-KUN!
WOWWW, IT'S BEEN A WHILE! ARE YOU WELL?
UH-HUH
I WANTED TO SEE YOU FOR A BIT
THAT YOU'RE WORKING EVEN THOUGH IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE... DOES THIS MEAN YOU'VE FINALLY BROKEN UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?

FREE TALK ⑥

Speaking of Katchan, (this time I'll only be talking about Katchan, sorry) there is a scene, in the last moments of this 7th volume, where Miki displays "the things given to her by Yuu" on her desk, and if that's true, then the Katchans should have been exhibited here, too, but I thought that it would break up the mood too much, so I dared to disregard them. Please imagine that the Katchans were kept in a different spot again, kay Well. Even though I haven't been dieting these past 2 years, I've lost 5 kg. But, even if I claim that I'm "worked to the bones," those around me say, "you're at that sort of age," and pay me little heed. (^x^)

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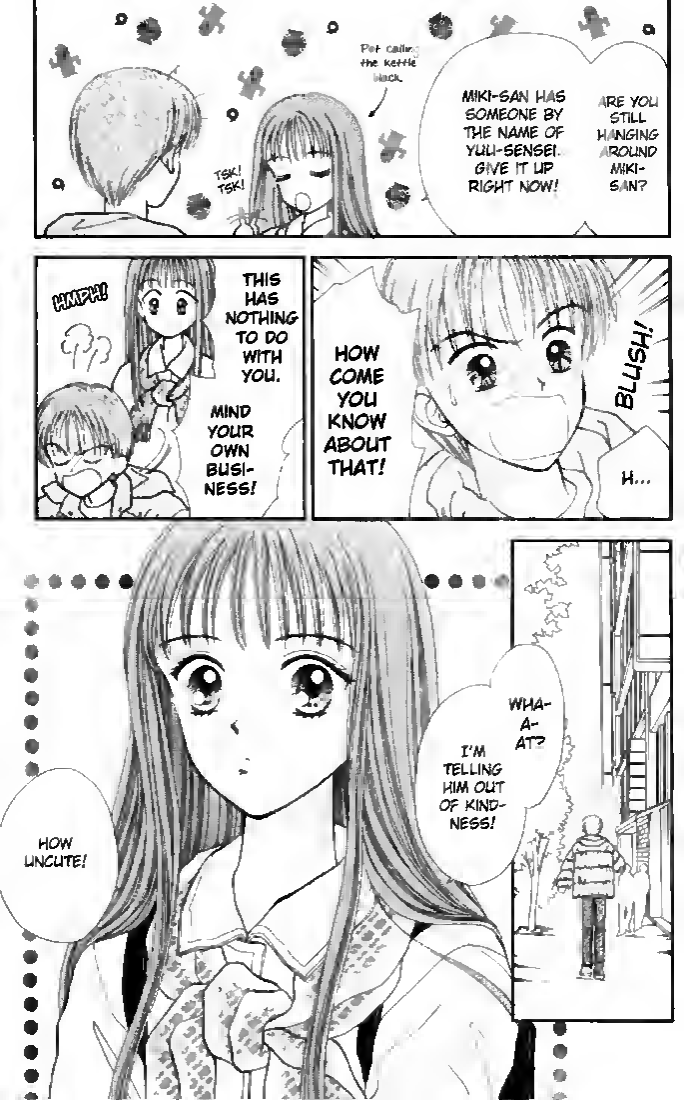
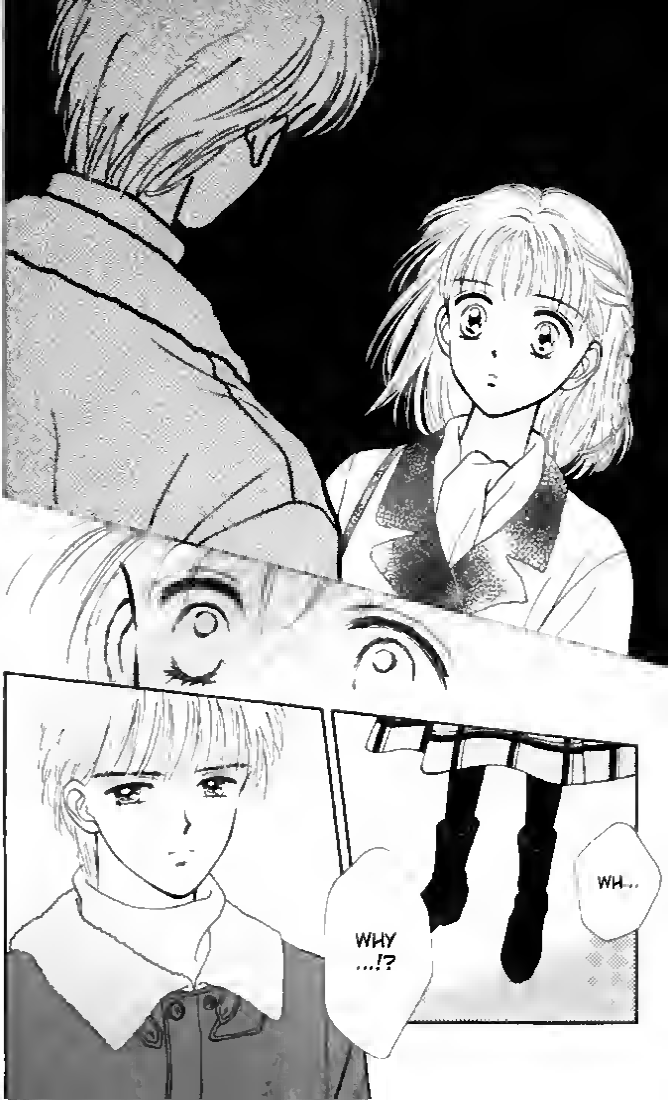

Pot calling the kettle black.
TSK! TSK!
ARE YOU STILL HANGING AROUND MIKI-SAN?
MIKI-SAN HAS SOMEONE BY THE NAME OF YUU-SENSEI. GIVE IT UP RIGHT NOW!
BLUSH!
H...
HOW COME YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT!
HMPH!
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSI-NESS!
WHA-A-AT?
I'M TELLING HIM OUT OF KIND-NESS!
HOW UNCUTE!

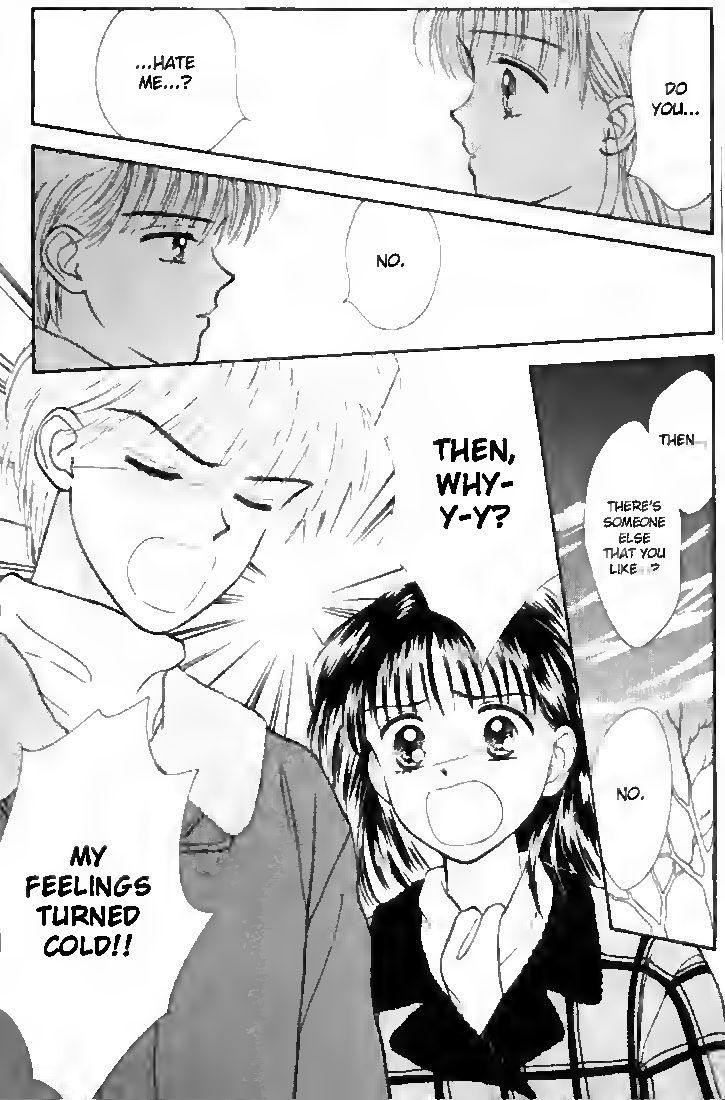
Park
ハハハハ

TEE HEE!

SORRY. DID YOU WAIT? IT WAS COLD, WASN'T IT
AH! OH NO. YOU'VE GOTTEN TERRIBLY CHILLED!
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY.
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE MET OUTSIDE...
LET'S HURRY AND GET INSIDE SOMEWHERE AND DRINK SOMETHING WARM! 'KAY?
HURRY-Y-Y.
MIKI...

I HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL YOU.
THUMP!
HUH?
WHAT...?
.....
BREAK UP WITH ME.


WH...
WHY ...!?


...HATE ME...?
DO YOU...
NO.
THEN, WHY-Y-Y?
THEN THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE THAT YOU LIKE...?
NO.
MY FEELINGS TURNED COLD!!

.....
YOU DON'T DISLIKE ME..
BUT YOU DON'T LIKE ME.. IS THAT IT...?
AS A SWEET-HEART..
...I CAN'T PICTURE YOU THAT WAY ANYMORE..
THAT SPECIAL FEELING IS GONE
.....
THAT'S RIGHT

I COULDN'T STAND SOME-THING LIKE THAT!!
N...
NO ...!
I'LL DO AS YOU SAY!
IF THERE'S SOME-THING WRONG, I'LL FIX IT!
PLEASE, THINK IT OVER AGAIN!

PLEASE, YUU...
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOU!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
THERE'S NOTHING BAD AT ALL ABOUT YOU!
I'M BEING SELFISH
ALL ON MY OWN, MY FEELINGS TURNED COLD...!

IF IT ISN'T THAT YOU DISLIKE ME...
..THEN PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT WE'LL BREAK UP...
...BECAUSE I STILL LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU A LOT...!
DON'T CRY.
IT'S NO USE..
I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU ANY-MORE.
I'M SORRY.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
BECAUSE IT'S HOPELESS. FOR US.
WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER...!
I'LL GO ON HOME AHEAD OF YOU.
OH, AND THIS
THE RING.

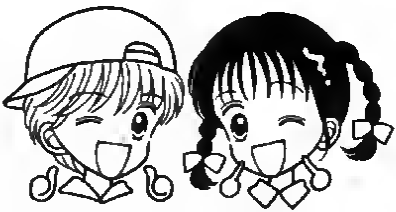
'CAUSE I HAD PRO-MISED.
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T KEEP MY PROMISE FOR THE TRIP ANY-MORE...
I CAN'T ACCEPT IT...
BUT ...
.....
YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU DON'T LIKE ME...
SO I CAN'T ACCEPT IT...!!
INSTEAD OF AS SWEET-HEARTS ...
...ACCEPT IT AS A PRESENT FROM A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD FOR ME TO KEEP IT...
IF YOU ABSOLUTELY HATE IT, THEN... PLEASE THROW IT AWAY.
NO ...!

NO!
DON'T GO!!
YOU MUSTN'T GO, YUU!
YUU ...!!

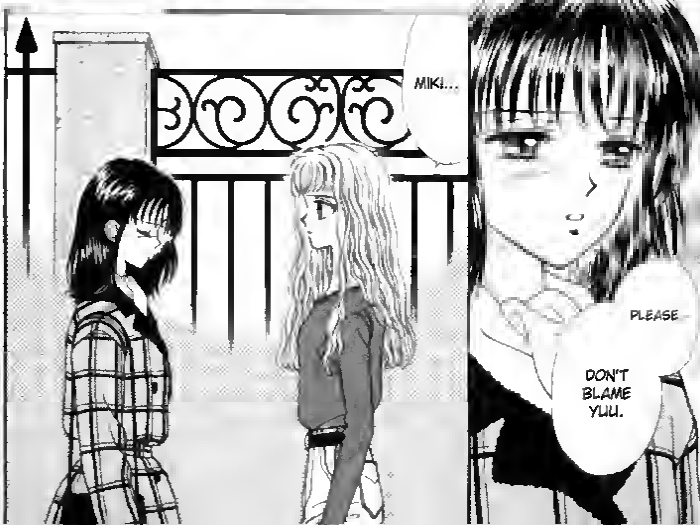
SOB
SOB

UH-UH I'M ALL RIGHT.
COMING BY ALL OF A SUDDEN AND HAVING YOU PUT ME UP FOR THE NIGHT... I'M REALLY SORRY.
SHALL I SEE YOU TO THE STATION?
CRYING ALL NIGHT HAS LEFT ME FEELING A BIT RE-FRESHED.
THANK YOU.



THAT'S NOT IT, MEIKO.
YUU ISN'T BAD!
I DIDN'T IMAGINE HE WAS THAT SORT OF PERS
ALL ON HIS OWN, HIS FEELINGS GREW COOL, SO HE SAYS LET'S BREAK UP...
...I CAN'T FORGIVE MATSUURA-KUN.

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
I'M SURE THAT I'M ALSO PART OF THE CAUSE FOR WHY I COULDN'T GET HIM TO KEEP ON LIKING ME...
BECAUSE HAVING YOUR FEELINGS CHANGE IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE HELPED, EVEN BY THAT PERSON HIMSELF.
I DON'T THINK THAT EVEN YUU GREW COLD 'CAUSE HE WANTED TO.
IT LOOKED AS THOUGH IT WAS VERY HARD FOR HIM.
WHEN YUU...SAID FAREWELL TO ME... IT LOOKED...


MIKI...
PLEASE...
DON'T BLAME YUU.

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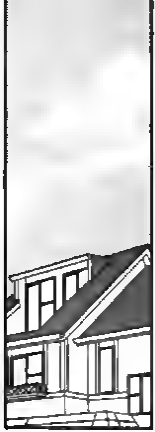

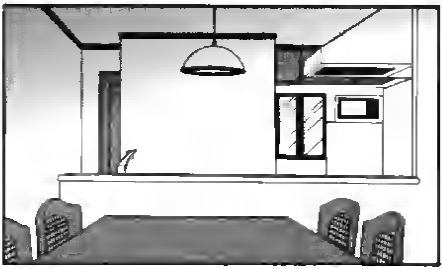

YUU. .
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
IS IT REALLY OVER BETWEEN US?

EVEN THOUGH I CRIED THAT MUCH...
...THE TEARS STILL FLOW.

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.....!
DID YOU TELL THAT TO KOISHI-KAWA!?
IT'S NOT YET CERTAIN THAT YOU'RE SIBLINGS, RIGHT?
WITHOUT EVEN PROPERLY CHECKING WITH YOUR PARENTS, WHY...?
IT'S HOPE-LESS...
EVEN IF I CONFIRM IT...

AND ON TOP OF THAT, THOSE PICTURES...
IF THEY'RE OLD LOVERS, THEN THAT EXPLAINS IT... AND THAT RUMI-SAN TOLD MIKI THAT SHE MUSTN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, TOO.
AN OUTRAGEOUS STORY, THAT MARRIED COUPLES AT THEIR FIRST MEETING ALL FELL IN LOVE WITH THE OTHER'S PARTNERS AND SWAP MARRIAGES...
IT ALL HANGS TOGETHER.
IT WAS INCLINING PROOF
ALL OF THEM SHOWED THE CURRENT PAIRINGS.
PICTURES OF COUPLES THAT GOT ALONG WELL TOGETHER...
THERE WERE A LOT OF THEM
R
MY FATHER IS JIN-SAN...
AND MIKI AND I ARE SISTER AND BROTHER..

EVEN THOUGH THEY ALREADY HAD CHILDREN..! WHY DID THEY SWAP COUPLES AND GET MARRIED, AND AFTER 10 YEARS, GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL PAIRINGS AGAIN AND MARRY A SECOND TIME!?
AND ON TOP OF THAT, TO EVEN LIE TO YOU GUYS THAT THEY HAD MET FOR THE FIRST TIME!
THEY'RE TOO CRUEL.
YOUR PARENTS
ALL IT WILL DO IS BREAK UP THE FAMILY..!
EVEN IF I DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT, NOTHING WILL COME OF IT.
NO!
LET THEM KNOW HOW PAINFUL IT IS FOR THE KIDS, BECAUSE OF THEIR ACTIONS!
KOISHI-KAWA ALSO HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRU...

FREE TALK ⑦

Since I lost weight gradually, I initially thought to myself, "Yayyy, lucky cheart symbol," but now that it's turned out like this, I understood for the first time what is meant by "just because you're skinny, it doesn't mean that your figure will get better..." Even though the situation where I want to lose weight in my legs and arms hasn't changed, I'm only losing weight around the chest... The way it's going, my chest will disappear... (Someone spare me some.) My body is sorta flat and shameful... (;-;) Ahh, I'm sa-a-ad And therefore (?) the next one is the final volume. I think it'd be nice if I could write a lot about my memories of the anime, and inside stories about its production

Wait for it, 'kay!

THEN, AT THE VERY LEAST, MIKI AND HER PARENTS CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE AS THEY HAVE WITHOUT FEELING BAD.
IN ANY CASE, I'D HAVE TO BREAK UP WITH MIKI
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO KEEP IT CLOSED AWAY IN MY HEART ALONE, THAN TO BARE IT TO EVERYONE, AND SCREW IT ALL UP.
R

AND BESIDES...
I THINK THAT SAYING "I LIKE YOU, BUT WE'RE SIBLINGS SO LET'S BREAK UP" WILL BE LIKE DRAGGING IT OUT FOREVER
IF IT'S JUST MY SELFISH, ONE-SIDED REJECTION, IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR MIKI TO GIVE UP, RIGHT?

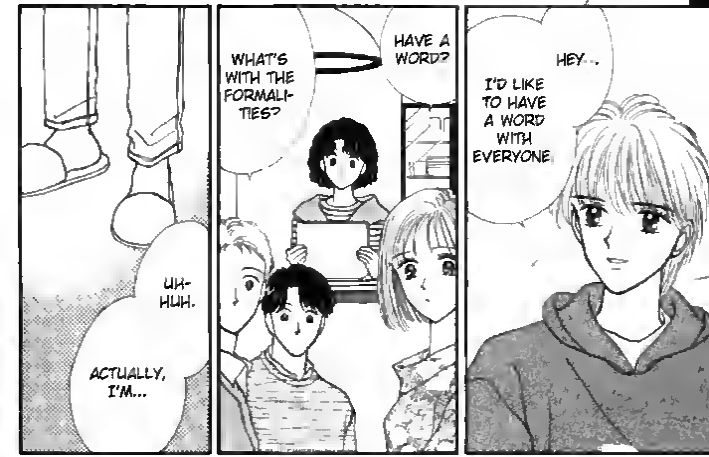
I'VE THOUGHT IT OVER FOR MANY DAYS..
AND I BELIEVE IT'S BEST TO DO IT THIS WAY ..
WHY... DO YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONLY ONE...
WHO HAS TO TAKE SO MUCH UPON HIMSELF?
WHY DO YOU SUFFER ALONE!?
THIS IS...
THE ONLY WAY I CAN DO IT.

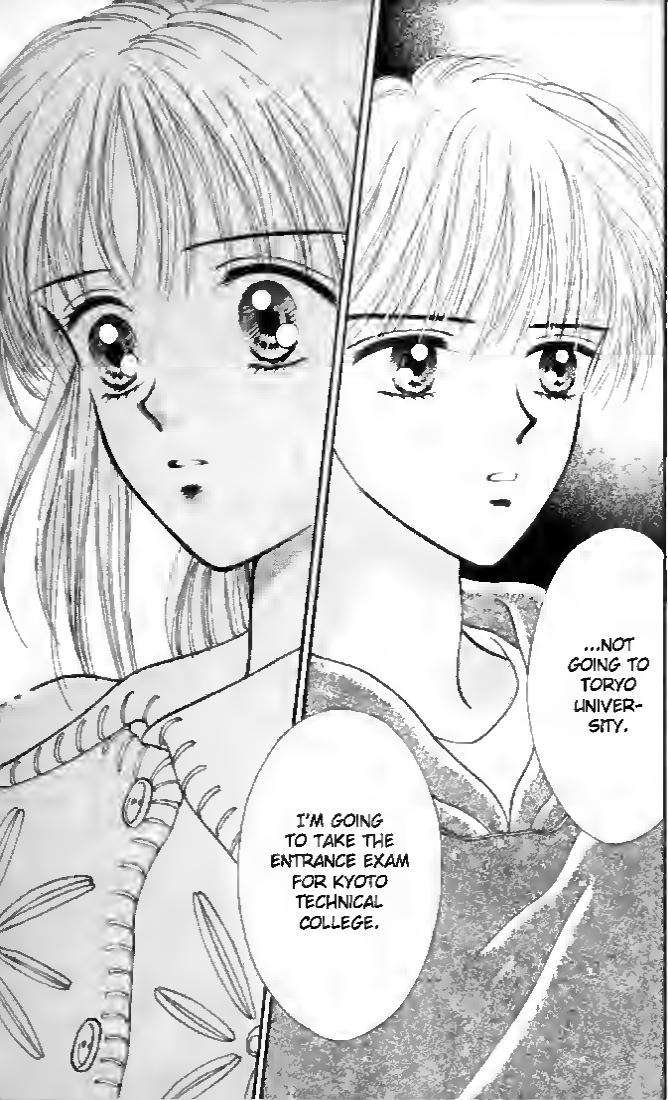
ARE YOU GOING TO GO ON LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSE WITH THEM ALL ALONG, KEEPING YOUR FEELINGS BOTTLED UP?
IT'S TOO MUCH.
YOU'LL HAVE A NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN!

YOU KNOW...
I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT.

And then the section head...
CLAMOR
EEP!
I'M HOME.
...H, WELCOME BACK, YUU.
DID YOU WANT DINNER?
NO, I ALREADY ATE
SOME SWEETS A SOUVENIR GIFT FROM MY BUSINESS TRIP HAGI NO TSUKI

I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO LOOK AT YUU'S FACE.
NO...!


UH-HUH.
ACTUALLY, I'M...
WHAT'S WITH THE FORMALITIES?
HAVE A WORD?
HEY...
I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WORD WITH EVERYONE.

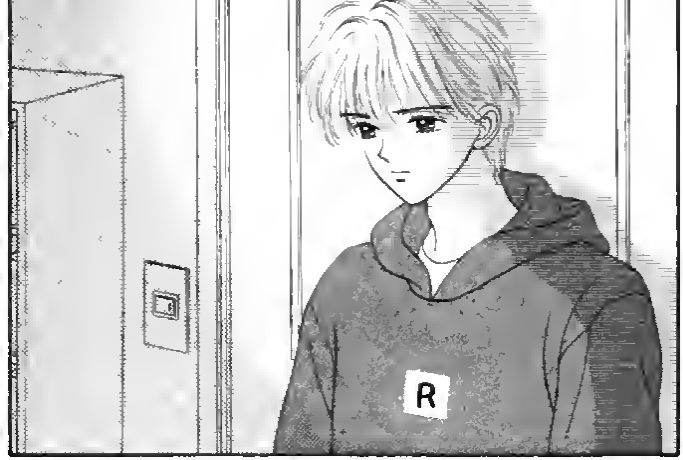

...NOT GOING TO TORYO UNIVER-SITY.
I'M GOING TO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM FOR KYOTO TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

I LOOKED INTO A LOT OF PLACES, BUT RIGHT NOW,
FOR AN ARCHITECTURE CURRICULUM, THE ONE THAT'S FILLED WITH THE BEST FACULTY IS THAT PLACE.
WHY SUCH A...?
KYO-TO-O-O!?
BUT I'VE THOUGHT HARD ABOUT THIS AND IT'S WHAT I'VE DECIDED TO DO
I FEEL BAD THAT I'M SUDDENLY BRINGING UP SUCH SELFISH STUFF
FOR MY FUTURE'S SAKE, I ABSOLUTELY WANT TO STUDY IN THE BEST POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT.
WE'LL BE LONELY...
KYOTO, HUH...
.....
IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF YUU'S FUTURE
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
CHI-YAKO!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR AWAY...
TO-KYO IS A GOOD COL-LEGE, TOO!

YUU!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO KYOTO?

.....
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY, RIGHT?
BUT IF WE LIVE APART FOR A WHILE, I THINK THAT OUR FEELINGS CAN RECOVER AND WE'LL COME TO WHERE WE CAN TALK TO EACH OTHER COMFORTABLY AGAIN.
WE'LL STILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO GET ALONG AS A FAMILY...
BUT IT'S REALLY A LITTLE AWKWARD RIGHT NOW, HUH...
LIKE BE-FORE.
GETTING ALONG AS JUST ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

WELL, IT WON'T MATTER IF I CAN'T PASS THE ENTRANCE EXAM, SO I'LL BE STUDYING LIKE CRAZY FROM NOW ON.
NO MATTER WHAT, I WANT TO ENTER THAT SCHOOL
IT'S ALSO TRUE ABOUT WANTING TO STUDY ARCHITECTURE IN THE BEST ENVIRONMENT.
SEE YA.
SLAM..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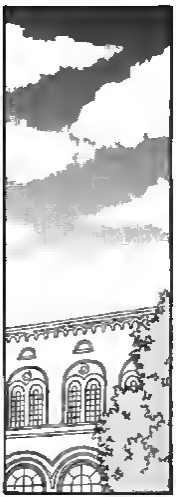


ARE YOU MAKING GOOD PROGRESS ON YOUR STUDIES?
...
YO!
SATOSHI-SAN.

UH-HUH, FINE SORTA.
IF I CONCENTRATE ON STUDYING, I CAN GET BY WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT UNNECESSARY THINGS...
I SEE...
BUT IT'S PRETTY LATE TO BEGIN STUDYING FOR AN ENTRANCE EXAM FROM NOW, HM.
YOU SURE YOU CAN PASS IT?
DUNNO
HEY, WHADDAYA MEAN, "DUNNO"!?
IF I FAIL THEN I'LL BE A RONIN AND GO TO KYOTO PREP SCHOOL.
IN EITHER CASE, I'M LEAVING THAT HOUSE.
PRETENDING I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...
PRETENDING I'M NOT DEPRESSED... PRETENDING I DON'T LOVE MIKI...
I'M TIRED OUT ALREADY...
I'VE REACHED MY LIMITS
.....

MAT-SUURA-KUN...
AH!
AKI-ZUKI..
AKIZUKI! IT'S BEEN A WHILE... ARE YOU COLLECTING MATERIAL FOR YOUR NEXT WORK?
HUH?
PERFECT TIMING LET'S HAVE TEA OR SOMETHING AT THE COLLEGE CAFETERIA!
I'VE GOTTEN THIRSTY.

.....
C'MON, IT'S OKAY
COME WITH ME FOR A BIT
BUT... I...!
IT'S JUST THAT YOU WERE MAKING A FACE THAT LOOKED LIKE YOU WANTED TO SLAP YUU...
I'M SORRY
IT'S NOT THAT I FORGOT THAT YOU REJECTED ME!
.....
I WOULDN'T DO ANY-THING OF THE SORT!
AND BESIDES, I'VE BEEN TOLD BY MIKI NOT TO SCOLD MATSUURA-KUN..

HE'S SUFFERING!
YUU IS HURTING, TOO
AKIZUKI!
BUT I STILL CAN'T FORGIVE HIM!
HE HURT MIKI SO MUCH, AND MADE HER CRY...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT YUU IS HAPPY!
DIDN'T IT TURN OUT JUST THE WAY HE WISHED!?
BUT THE BREAKUP IS WHAT MATSUURA-KUN WISHED FOR, RIGHT?
WHY!?
YOU HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN THIS, TOO, RIGHT!?
THE SORROW OF LOSING ONE'S LOVE IS SOMETHING THAT I KNOW QUITE WELL.
BEING DEPRIVED OF THAT IS PAINFUL FOR HIM, TOO.
WHAT YUU HAD WITH KOISHIKAWA WAS SOMETHING EXTREMELY DEAR TO HIM.

IT'S TRUE.
HE'S VERY HURT AND HE'S SUFFERING.
PERHAPS EVEN MORE THAN KOISHI-KAWA
PLEASE LET HIM BE.
I BEG YOU!

3 MONTHS PASSED BY ALL TOO SOON.
IT TURNED OUT THAT YUU WAS SUCCESSFULLY ACCEPTED INTO THE SCHOOL OF HIS CHOICE, AND WOULD BEGIN LIVING BY HIMSELF IN KYOTO.
THE DAY OF HIS DEPARTURE WAS A SUNDAY WHERE THE GENTLE SPRING SUNLIGHT WAS PLEASANT...
SLAM

UH-HUH...
WELL ...
I'M GOING.
ACTUALLY, IT WAS YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT, BUT I MISSED THE CHANCE..
Y'KNOW,
FOR PASSING THE EXAM.
WATCH AND CLOCK
Tick Tack
THANK YOU.
I'LL TREASURE IT.
IT'S A WRISTWATCH
IF YOU LIKE IT, PLEASE USE IT.

THEN...
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST AND STUDY HARD, 'KAY.
YEAH.

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED, GET IN TOUCH WITH US RIGHT AWAY
CALL US OFTEN, 'KAY? IT'S OKAY IF IT'S COLLECT.
PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY, YOUJI
THE 3.00 BULLET TRAIN, RIGHT?
IF WE LEAVE NOW, WE'LL ARRIVE AT TOKYO STATION WITH TIME TO SPARE.
VROOM...
I KNOW.
THEN, I'LL BE OFF.

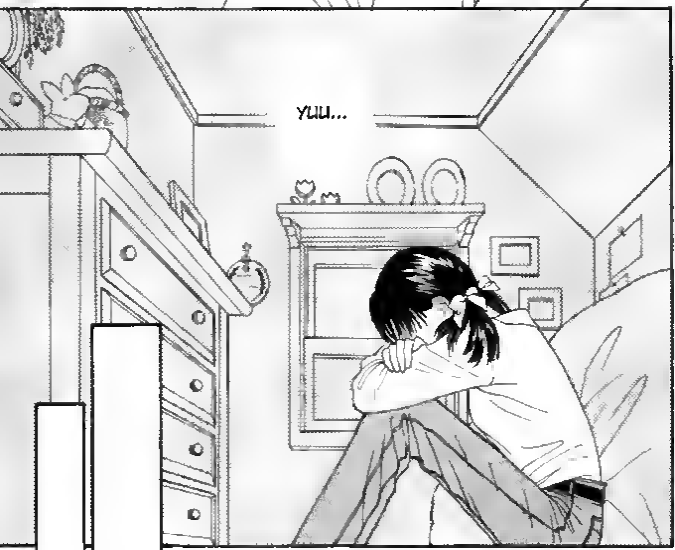
EVEN THOUGH IT'S BECOME SO AWKWARD THAT I CAN'T EVEN LOOK AT HIS FACE...

EVEN THOUGH I WAS TOLD THAT HE DOESN'T LOVE ME...

EVEN SO..

I WANTED TO BE NEAR HIM...

I STILL...
...LOVE HIM THIS MUCH.


YUU...

THE PEARL BRACELET.
THE CHECKERED SHIRT.
AND THEN, THIS RING IN THE UNOPENED BOX...
THE THINGS THAT I GOT FROM YUU...
LET'S SEE... I WONDER WHERE I SHOULD KEEP IT.
THE BACK OF THE CHEST'S OKAY, HUH?
SLAM

BYE-BYE...
YUU...
WELL, WELL
I'LL GO OUT, HUH!
I HAVE TO KEEP GOING FORWARD
I MUST SAY FAREWELL TO YUU AND TO MY PAST SELF, TOO
YUU GAVE ME LOTS OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES
THAT ALONE IS ENOUGH.
Welcome!
Cafe House
Ryu

AHH, MIKI-CHAN! YOUR EARS, TOO.
OHH, MIKI! THAT'S CUTE!
I'VE CUT MY HAIR, GOT MY EARS PIERCED..
...AND BECOME A NEW PERSON!
EH HEH HEH. DOES IT LOOK GOOD?

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